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WEATHER FORECAST

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Barometer 29.33

May 15 1915, Temperature 6 a.m. 65° 2 p.m. 70°  
Humidity 97 78

May 15, 1914 Temperature 6 a.m. 81° 2 p.m. 87°  
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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### BRITISH SUBMARINE'S WONDERFUL FEAT.

### TWO TURKISH GUNBOATS AND A TRANSPORT SUNK.

### French Find Three Companies of Germans Dead in A Wood.

### THE WARNING TO AMERICANS ABOUT TO TRAVEL IN BELLIGERENT SHIPS WITHDRAWN.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

### FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

### TRENCHES TAKEN IN THE RAIN.

May 14, 3.30 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that the communiqué states that in ceaseless rain the French last night carried several German trenches to the south west of Soissons. Despite the slipperiness, they maintained all yesterday's gains. The French destroyed four German block-houses and several trenches in the valley of the Aisne.

(In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.)

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE DARDANELLES.

### BRITISH SUBMARINE'S WONDERFUL FEAT.

May 13, 4.20 p.m. Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons announced that H.M.S. Goliath had been torpedoed in the Dardanelles and it was feared there was a loss of 500 lives. He added that submarine E 14 penetrated into the Sea of Marmora and sank two Turkish gunboats and a Turkish transport.

### THE LUSITANIA ATROCITY.

### MORE AFRICAN RIOTING.

May 14, 4.10 p.m. A Johannesburg message states that fifty-one buildings, including ten large warehouses and twenty shops were destroyed and the German Club was wrecked and ransacked to the accompaniment of the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia." The rioting was resumed to-day. German jewellers' establishments were looted.

### GERMAN WARNING WITHDRAWN.

May 14, 4.10 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the German Embassy has instructed the newspapers to withdraw the advertisement warning Americans against travelling on belligerent ships.

### SUCCESS IN GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

### GERMAN FORCES RETIRE NORTHWARD.

May 14, 7.10 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Windhoek reports that the German forces retired northwards, to Grootfontein, to which place the new Capital was transferred recently.

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

### PARIS COMMUNIQUE.

### GERMAN PRISONERS, GUNS AND MUNITIONS CAPTURED.

May 14, 2.10 a.m. The evening communiqué says: The Belgians last night repulsed a fresh attack on the right bank of the Yser. The retreating Germans abandoned several hundred dead. We obtained new and important successes north of Arras. The booty captured at Carency includes two field-guns, three heavy mortars, a dozen trench mortars, many machine-guns, 3,000 rifles and huge quantities of munitions. In an adjoining wood we found the bodies of three companies of Germans who had been annihilated by our artillery fire. We advanced and captured the village of Ablon, taking several hundred prisoners. We stormed more groups of houses in the village of Neuville St. Vaast taking seventeen guns and heavy mortars. Two German attacks at Bagatelle, in Argonne, were repulsed and Bois-le-Prete is entirely in our hands.

### ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

May 14, 3.05 a.m. A message from Rome states that the Cabinet has resigned. According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, it is announced that the Cabinet resigned because it feels that its international policy has not the unanimous support of the Constitutional parties which the gravity of the situation demands. The King has reserved his decision.

### WONDERFUL REVIVAL OF TRADE IN INDIA.

May 14, 9 p.m. Sir Charles Armstrong lectured before the Society of Arts on "Indian Trade and the War." Lord Curzon, Secretary of State for India, presiding. He said the revival of Indian trade since the beginning of the war had been wonderful. He emphasised the debt we owed to the people of India of all classes, races and religions for the part they were taking in the world-wide struggle. Firstly, the Indian troops were exulting, if possible, the feats of their past wars. Then the Princes were carrying on their ancestral traditions of chivalry and munificence; and, lastly, the whole people, men and women alike, according to their opportunities and their means, had shown sympathy with the cause of justice. The Government's duty was, as far as possible, to temper the results of the war to the small trader and cultivator of India. That was the origin of the wheat policy and the measures for the purpose of supporting exchange. Lord Curzon said the Raj also hoped that it would be possible to continue throughout the war the policy of not increasing the taxation of the people of India, and to curtail expenditure on productive works in India as little as possible. But it was necessary rigidly to limit the issues of capital in the London market. He took that opportunity to point out that anyone in India who took to invest who took a share, large or small, in a Government rupee loan, thereby not merely assisted the development of the country but positively assisted the prosecution of the war. "It is impossible to speak too gratefully of the unending liberality of India's subscriptions to the war funds," he said "but let us also keep a word of praise for the intelligent and patriotic investor." Mr. C. C. McLeod read an extract from a letter received from General Willcocks, respecting the work of the Indian soldiers at the front. They are the most loyal fellows that ever lived. "They are possessed of that extraordinary nature which will endure the greatest trials, and will fight bravely for the Government they serve. This Indian experiment will live in history as a most remarkable example of the reality of British rule."

### A STEAMER SUNK BY THE KARLSRUHE.

### Heavy Claim Against Charterers.

The Holland Gulf Steamship Co., the owners of the Dutch steamer Marie, claimed, before Mr. Justice Bailhache, from the charterers of the steamer £30,500 as damage for the loss of the steamer through the defendants' breach of the charterparty in failing to insure the steamer against war risks.

The facts and arguments are stated in the judgment. The defendants were Messrs. Walter Munro and Co., Mr. D. C. Leck, K.O., and Mr. E. A. Wright appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Adair Booth, K.O., and Mr. A. Neilson represented the defendants.

Mr. Justice Bailhache, in giving judgment, said that the main question raised at the trial was whether the defendants were liable to the plaintiffs in damages for their failure to insure the plaintiffs' steamer against war risks in the following circumstances:—The Marie was sunk at sea by the German cruiser Karlsruhe on September 21, 1914, while on a voyage from Portland, Oregon, to Ireland with a cargo of wheat for merchants in Belfast and Dublin. Her loss was not known until October 24. The Marie at the time of her sinking was under a five years' time charterparty made between the parties to this action and dated September 17, 1912. At the end of the charterparty there was this written clause:— "War risk, if any, required for charterer's account. It is understood and agreed that value for war risk at all times to be based on values stated in owner's annual policy."

## TELEGRAMS.

### COTTON LOCK OUT.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.") London, Received May 9. The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners at Manchester, is to consider a proposal to declare a general lock-out in Lancashire. The trouble is due to the Card-room Amalgamation declaring strikes at certain mills with a view to forcing employers to concede a 10 per cent. bonus on wages. Government intervention is practically assured.

owners? Second, if the obligation was upon the charterers, for what amount?

The charterparty stated in clause 2 how the disbursements were to be borne as between owners and charterers, and by that clause the owners were to pay and provide for insurance. Clause 23 provided that the charterparty was not to be construed as a demise of the steamship, and that owners were to remain responsible for insurance, among other things. It was admitted for the charterers that the premiums payable in respect of war risks fell upon them, but it was argued that the duty of covering the Marie by a war-risk policy fell upon the owners. In support of this argument he was referred to clauses 2 and 23 and to the obvious convenience of that course, as the war-risk policy was to protect the owners and not the charterers, and as the amount to be covered was to be based upon the value stated in the owners' annual policy, an amount of which the owners only would be aware.

His Lordship said that he did not think that contention was sound.

"For Charterers' Account." Continuing, he said:—I think the words "war risks, if any, required for charterers' account" mean that the charterers are to provide and pay for the war-risk policy. The words "for charterers' account" are a business form of expressing that the charterers are to provide and pay for a war-risk policy, just as by clause 2 the owners are to provide and pay for the ordinary insurance. The word "policy" does not occur, but it was common ground, and is, indeed, obvious from the words "if any required" and from the whole clause, that the charterparty means war risks policy and not war risk. It is not, of course, conclusive, but it is satisfactory to find that the parties understood their obligations in the sense in which I have decided.

In the letter of September 9, 1914, the defendants ask the plaintiffs the steamship's insured value. This they required to enable them to effect a policy for the agreed amount. They did not get this information until October 8 or 9. It was conveyed to them in a letter of October 5, and was said to be £30,500. By October 9 the Marie was overdue at Las Palmas. She had been sunk nearly three weeks before. No evidence was given as to what premium would have been required for a war-risk policy on October 9, but I cannot assume that she would have been uninsurable in fact, or in a business sense. So far, indeed, as war risks alone were concerned she was not an undesirable ship to submit to underwriters. She was Dutch, and her cargo was at most conditionally contraband. The burden of proving that she was insurable on October 9 lies upon the charterers, and they have not discharged it. If the delay in letting them know the insured value had increased the premium payable they might have had some claim against the owners but they did not insure, and the point does not arise.

## A WAR AGAINST WAR.

### American Sympathy with the Allies.

Toronto, March 27. In a patriotic address delivered at Toronto Sir George Foster said that Canadians no longer used the pronoun "they" in referring to the people of the Motherland, but emphasised the pronoun "our" in all references to the war. He added that when Great Britain and her Allies had won this war there would be a power for peace in the world that had never existed before, and that would go far towards solving universal problems of international relationships.

Sir George, who recently visited the United States, said that seven-eighths of the American people were strongly in favour of the British Empire and its Allies. At a meeting in Boston, at which he was the only person present who was not a neutral, a man in the audience sent him a 50 dollar bill (£10) with the stipulation that it should be spent on shells made either in Canada or in England and used only against the Germans.

The Western University of London, Ontario, will equip a full hospital unit for service overseas with the Canadian troops, thus following the example of other Canadian universities.

A second call has been issued for all Russians of military age in Canada to return home, and those enlisted in the Canadian Forces have been ordered to secure their discharge.

It is to be observed that by October 5 the plaintiffs were asking to be covered against the risks of a war between this country and Holland and they returned to the point in a further letter of October 9. To this they were not, in my opinion, entitled, nor could the defendants have effected such a policy. The fact that they asked for too wide a policy does not, however, justify the defendants in giving them no policy at all, nor did their request affect the matter. The defendants were not minded to insure. I hold that the defendants committed a breach of their charter party and must pay damages. The remaining question is how much.

The war-risk policy was to be based upon value stated in owner's annual policy. The amount of cover asked for by the plaintiffs was £30,500. They were insured to the extent of some £20,000 by valued yearly policies on hull and machinery. The value of the Marie as stated in those policies was £24,000. They had also a yearly policy on what was described as excess value, but that was obviously to cover that very elusive subject-matter of insurance called disbursements for something more than £8,400, and they added that sum to the £24,000, and so arrived at their figure. The disbursements policy was an honour policy and contained the clause "full interest admitted." I do not think that this policy can be taken into account.

The truth of the matter is that the defendants considered the risk to the Marie so small as to be negligible; they did not anticipate that Germans would violate international law as to violate a neutral vessel with an English cargo not contraband, and they preferred not to insure. This estimate of the risks proved, unfortunately for them, to be wrong, and while I regret that their quite intelligible breach of contract has led to such a disastrous result, I must give judgment for the plaintiffs for £24,000 and costs. Solicitors—Messrs. W. A. Crump and Son, Messrs. Hotwell and Booth.

## TELEGRAMS.

### NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

### CONDENSED.

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### NEWS.

Notes on the crisis appear on page 4.

Particulars of emendations to the food prices will be found in to-day's issue.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9, and Log Book on page 6.

An act for the restriction of the transfer of British Shipping may be found in our columns to-day.

Among the important notifications in to-day's Government Gazette is a warning to bathers that they make use of the beaches of Wank Bay for bathing at their risk while the examination service is in force.

### DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Bijon Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Russian Pianists—Theatre Royal—9.15.

### TO-MORROW.

Bijon Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Monday, May 17.  
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral—5.30 p.m.  
Russian Pianists—Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 19.  
Sale of Furniture G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 22.  
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Annual General Meeting—noon.  
Tuesday, May 26.  
Sale of Household Effects, 9, Torres Buildings, Kowloon—G. P. Lammer, 2.30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 27.  
The "Star" Jerry Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting—12.30 p.m.







## GENERAL NEWS.

**Indian Field Ambulance.**  
Commended.  
The Secretary of State for India has pleasure in communicating that a message has been transmitted to him through the War Office from Field Marshal Sir John French in which the latter states, in connection with the recent fighting at Neuve Chapelle, that the General Officer Commanding the Indian Army Corps in France (Lieutenant-General Sir James Willcocks) specially commends the work of the Indian Field Ambulance.

**The Bloody Tower.**  
The Bloody Tower, one of the oldest of the many smaller towers included in the general term Tower of London, was opened to the public at 10 o'clock on Monday March 30, and until 5 o'clock there was a steady stream of visitors. The tower, which obtained its name from the tradition that here the young sons of Edward IV. were murdered, has until recently been occupied as a warder's residence. The entrance is from Tower Hill, and the Bloody Tower is reached by the roadway overlooking Traitors' Gate and passing under the archway of Byward Tower. A fee of 6d. (by ticket at the Tower Hill entrance) is charged for admission.

**An Interesting Discovery.**  
A valuable discovery of the historical relics is reported. We learn from the Koba Yashin that during some digging operations at an ancient tomb known as Kik-sue Zuka, in Nadani Mura, Tamani, on the 2nd, a stone coffin was discovered containing a gold tube 25 inches high and 45 inches in circumference made for the purpose of keeping rolls of the sutras and four one rin pieces of Shoyen Ryuko (about 650 years ago). The matter was immediately reported to the police. It is said that at the spot where these relics were discovered several warriors of the Ashikawa house, who fell in battle 570 years ago, were buried. There are seven more ancient tombs in the neighbourhood.

**Merchants Favour the Fire Escape Ordinance.**  
The Manila Merchants' Association has recommended to the municipal board the approval without amendment of the proposed ordinance providing for the construction of fire escapes on all buildings of more than two stories.

**Cotton Clearing House for New York.**  
New York, March 29. — The members of the Cotton Exchange, by a general vote, have now declared their approval of the proposed establishment of a cotton clearing-house, and have authorized the incorporation of the "New York Cotton Exchange Clearing Association." Members of the association will have to deposit with the association a certified cheque for \$15,000 in New York funds. The management will be composed of seven directors who expect that the institution will begin operations within two months.

**Orders from Russia.**  
It is reported that the Government Iron Foundry at Wakamatsu is busily engaged with orders for Russia, particularly of shells. The latter are sent to Osaka Arsenal for finishing touches before being consigned to Russia. Orders from the Miten, Biabi Company and other Japanese firms have had to be declined in consequence.

**The Chaplain of the Triumph.**  
Captain Fitzmaurice, R.N., has written to the Dean asking him to convey to the good people of Shanghai the thanks of the Triumph, for allowing Mr. Price to accept the temporary appointment of Chaplain on his ship. A chaplain from home has now joined this famous battleship. Captain Fitzmaurice expresses in the warmest terms his high appreciation of Mr. Price's work.

**Opium Smuggling.**  
"Shipping and Engineering," leading article this week deals with the lays at present regulating opium smuggling into the Straits Settlements. The subject has recently been brought into prominence by the appeal of the matter of the steamer Hong Bee against a decision which inflicted on him a fine of \$100 and \$50 costs in consequence of a quantity of opium having been found in the stowage room.

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## OUR LONDON LETTER.

How Long O Lord!

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Friday, April 2.

The universal question that crests everyone who is supposed to be the least bit "in the know" is, "How long do you think the War will last?" That conundrum has been propounded in clubs and drawing rooms, over office desks and dinner tables, ever since the War started. But it is perhaps more insistent now, when there has come a sort of lull in the struggle, and most people realise that we are on the brink of great and critical developments. Ministers are presently laying their plans for a long way ahead. But I happen to know on first hand authority that the Cabinet's original estimate of the duration of the War was that hostilities might possibly continue into the Spring of 1916. Naturally this was not a dogmatic estimate, but rather a tentative opinion, based on the best information available from all sources and the highest expert advice on the military and naval side. Of course the Government has recognised the necessity of being prepared for a much longer campaign than that. But nevertheless Ministers have so far discovered no reason to abandon their original calculations. While collectively agreeing that the war was unlikely to last longer than next Spring, the Cabinet's individual opinions in almost all cases were distinctly more optimistic than that. The general opinion was in the highest official quarters that peace would be declared in all probability before another Winter sets in. And this view rather gains in force in conviction from all the signs of the times and from the latest confidential information that is available in London. Sir John French has always been, and continues to be, a pronounced optimist. A Commander-in-Chief who was a pessimist would be a very unfortunate asset for his own side. Without putting himself down to any positive dates Sir John was inclined to believe at first that the Austro-German Allies would be pretty well on their last legs by this Easter. Various circumstances that cannot be even hinted at now have militated against the realisation of that estimate. But it may be incidentally remarked that it has come much nearer being realised than many authorities believed. If we had made full use of our sea power to hold up German supplies, it is just possible that Sir John French would have won his bet. It is now established quite conclusively, however, that the Austro-German Alliance is really at last beginning to sag under the strain and stress of the War. They are very short of men, munitions and money, desperately embarrassed politically, and almost hopelessly compromised strategically. At any rate, Sir John French is not alone in his firm belief that the international firework display will be all over, except the showing possibly before the next 5th November.

## The Economic Position.

It is generally conceded that the Government, splendidly backed up by the Opposition, have in most respects acquitted themselves well, since the first crisis of last August when the Cabinet almost wobbled in its plain duty under the sudden pressure of war alarms and the subtle pleadings of certain eminent pro-Germans. Since then the pro-Germans have had to sink very small indeed. The startling outburst of vehement public indignation that the Revd. Dr. Lytton, the Headmaster of Eton, called down on his devoted shoulders the other day, by a particularly apt address in London, in which he advocated placing the Haas with a penny bun, has caused a flutter in the dovescote. Once the Allies have the enemy fairly down and out, in sporting parlance, we may hear the voices of our pro-Germans raised once more in pious protest and ingenious pleading. But those voices will not be listened to. The people who are responsible for plunging Europe into the present chaos of blood and mortar will have to pay the full price, and on top of that there will have to be the most drastically effective guarantees that history is not going to repeat itself for a century or two. We are not going on fighting Armageddons periodically for the benefit of a few distinguished gentlemen who have a fondness for German philosophy and whom our Yankee cousins would catalogue as "jellyfish politicians". The Government were lamentably late in deciding to fight Germany without their gloves and in explaining the true situation to our people. But the full force of Naval supremacy is now grinding the very heart out of the foe, and our democracy, including masters and men, now realise that their efforts are as essential in the workshops of the land as those of our gallant men in khaki in foreign trenches. The scheme for mobilising our English industries of war is proceeding rapidly and satisfactorily. Never believe what you may read in some hysterical journals about the apathy of England. The Liverpool dockers are being formed into military battalions, not for fighting purposes, but to ensure no more delay in loading up our ships in the North. The scheme promises to work well, and is an ingenious means of applying material law in practice, if not theory. It is not generally known in this country that some little time ago there was a strike at the front. Some of the motor mechanics who have been pressed into service from civilian employ at high rates of pay began to believe they had a grievance in the hours of work. As though Mr. Thomas Atkins ever mentioned anything about overtime! This strike was scotch between midnight and dawn in the most efficacious manner. It was curiously explained to the malcontents that the safety of the British Army and the lives of many gallant men depended on their efforts, humble and comparatively safe as their duties were, and that they were under martial law at the front. I am told on what should be good authority that three of the ringleaders were quietly shot at dawn. And that

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was the end of the strike. Great mystery is observed as to our fighting strength. But the figures are probably well enough known in Germany, who gets to hear of most things of the least importance that happens in this country. A high military authority gave me an interesting estimate of our strength in fighting men the other day. It works out at about three million men, not counting the Navy but including the Naval brigades, and most of them are not only excellent material but exceedingly well trained. So far as the men are concerned, this country is all right. So far as the munitions of War are concerned, we are all right. We have inexhaustible supplies to draw upon, and immense reserves of economic energy available. It is quite the other way round with Germany, and once the German people get a faint glimmering of the truth, there is going to be trouble in the Fatherland.

## The Pirates' Progress

There has been a tremendous outcry, not only in this country, but in America and other neutral States, over the latest exploits by the German submarines. They are now sinking merchant ships remorselessly, heedless of passengers or crew, over whose dying antics in the water they even made merry, and they are shelling as well as torpedoing our mercantile marine. But this is only a mild example of the Bernhardi theory in practice as Belgium and France have experienced it. It amounts to murder on the high seas, a hideous outrage on humanity and the civilised usage of nations, not from any military point of view is as futile as anything could be. It may interfere with our passenger traffic by sea, which is of no earthly importance from the national point of view, but it cannot even appreciably affect our vital supplies. Our Admiralty view is that it is now recognised in Berlin how hopeless the task of blockading England by submarines is, and that deliberate orders have been issued with the sole object of creating a panic by frightfulness. The Germans are great believers in moral effect, or rather immoral effect, but the British seaman is a hardy specimen. He is not easily impressed by terrorism, or he would never have adopted a seafaring life. There is one point about the submarine operations that is far from satisfactory. There is complete evidence to prove that the German pirates are receiving thoroughly up-to-date information from our shores, as well as very probably drawing their essential supplies week by week and day by day.

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## THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY REPORT.

From the extracts from the Kowloon Canton Railway Annual Report which we published yesterday it is evident that this venture will have to be registered permanently as one of the Colonial Government's triumphs. Each succeeding year has brought new difficulties, and perhaps new outside criticism; but it has also brought new achievements. There were drawbacks to be overcome in connection with the Kowloon terminus, others that had been created by the 1913 typhoon, and others again that were occasioned by there being only a single line at Hung Hom; but now the authorities have practically a clear field before them, and we read with pleasurable interest that the new terminus will be opened next Spring.

Our readers will remember that no little difficulty was found by the Government in settling upon a site for the Kowloon station, and it was not till about two years ago that final arrangements could be made. The situation chosen seems, to the outsider, in all respects admirable, for it is as close as possible to the Harbour ferry, and presumably we may take it that an easy method of conveying goods from the boats to the line will be arranged. The building itself is going to be a handsome addition to the Colony's architectural efforts, and will at once confer a stamp of importance on what has hitherto seemed a straggling suburb with no definite beginning or end.

The past year's history of the line from a financial point of view is, again, most satisfactory. In spite of war, of general hard times, and of competition from steam-boats, there has been an increase of well over thirty thousand dollars in the railway's gross earnings; and the balance, after working expenses have been paid, stands at over ninety thousand dollars. And the real utility of the railway scheme is as yet only in its earliest babyhood. It and the New Territory will necessarily inter-act, the progress of the one implying the progress of the other. Every additional facility which it offers will mean increased opportunities for the development of the outlying districts, and, conversely, the more prosperous and populous the New Territory becomes, the larger will be the railway's income. Even then, assuming for the moment that it has done everything possible for the New Territory, its career can still only be regarded as having just begun, for its later development and real importance waits—like many other things in connection with this Colony—on China. As China is enabled to go ahead with the completion of the Canton-Hankow line, so will our own line feel encouraged to launch out more widely. At present it is little more than a local venture, but the time is quickly coming when it will be part of an elaborate system that will connect Hongkong with the outer world in a manner never dreamt of by the early Colonists, that will make business relations between here and Hankow, Shanghai and Tientsin a comparatively easy matter and that will, later connect us with Europe itself.

## Hongkong and the War.

No less than four items, in our issue of yesterday, dealt with the more or less close relations between Hongkong and the war in which the British Empire is engaged. The first of these will call forth the most heartfelt sympathy of the Colony for it tells of the death of a Hongkong-born lad, Lieut. K. E. Dunne, Royal Munster, who has fallen while fighting for the honour of the Empire. On behalf of our readers we would condole most sincerely with the relatives of this promising young officer in their great sorrow. Further matter connected with the youth of Hongkong will be found in a letter sent by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the local association of Boy Scouts, from which we learn that the Secretary of State has expressed his own and the Army Council's appreciation of the good and ready services performed by these lads. At the beginning of the war the Boy Scouts came forward, full of anxiety to offer their mite towards helping the Empire; and in a thousand ways, their help has been of so useful a nature as to justify the bringing of the matter to the notice of the Imperial Government. We congratulate the Scouts on this official pat on the back.

## The Colony and Aircraft.

It was further recorded yesterday that Hongkong does not mean to be left behind the other British Possessions in bearing a hand in the armament side of the war. Some influential Chinese have very generously come forward with a voluntary offer of an aeroplane. This offer will be the more valued in that times have been as bad for the Chinese as for the rest of the community of late—notwithstanding which, they have given repeatedly to the various relief and charitable funds connected with Hongkong. This further practical expression of loyalty to the Empire should be made public throughout Germany, as yet another instance of how the down-trodden subjects of the Empire express their alleged disaffection.

Passing on to Subscription List No. 1, we notice that a sum of over sixteen thousand dollars has already been given towards the Overseas Aircraft Fund in this Colony. His Excellency and the leading business men have given the list a fine send-off, and it now becomes a question of what the man in the street is going to do. Our readers have been bombarded with requests for money during the past nine months, and must have got used to it by now. They are not asked to give large amounts—though, if they were, many of them would, we know from our past experience of their generosity, willingly accede. Small subscriptions mount up swiftly, and, if everyone will give something—let us say between fifty cents and ten dollars—Hongkong will have no need to feel ashamed when its list is placed beside those of other colonies.

## To-Day's Anniversary.

On May 15, 1847, while passing through Genoa on his way to Rome, Daniel O'Connell died. Those who knew O'Connell best have described him as a man who had that very rare quality which we are agreed to call, for want of a better name, "charm." The great Irish patriot was one of the few who get their own way in this world because, in addition to having a good and just cause, they can back it up with eloquence, wit, personal magnetism and power to foresee and calculate. Though one thinks of him as, before all things, a speaker, he never talked unless he had something useful to say, and his words were seldom long divorced from actions. During his lifetime many stolid English people thought of him as a fly-by-night and a faraway—the very things that he was not; and such persons would have been speedily corrected in their estimate of him had they paused to ask if it was possible for any but a man of quite unusual practicality and force of character to carry the 1829 Emancipation Bill through, as it were, on his own back, in the face of opposition such as today we can barely conceive of.

## DAY BY DAY.

"HEAVEN IS A HABIT, AND SO IS HELL."

The Weather.  
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 78; fine.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 65; fair.

Count the Columns.  
Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 37 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 45 published.

The Mails.  
American Mail.—Due per sa. Nera to-day.

Australian Mail.—Due per sa. St. Albans to-day.

Australian Mail.—Closed per sa. Eastern to-day at 10 a.m.

French Mail.—Closes per sa. Nera to-day at 4 p.m.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per sa. Khabarov at 4 p.m.

Up to the Minute—Share Market News.

Closing prices:—  
Hongkong Bank. — \$790, buyers.

Canton Insurance. — \$360, buyers.

Douglases. — \$45, buyers.

Star Ferries. — \$37, buyers.

Luzons. — \$29, buyers.

Kowloon Wharves. — \$60, buyers.

Ewo's. — \$154.

Kung Yik. — \$14, sales.

Green Islands. — \$8.85, buyers.

Langkats. — \$1.40, buyers.

The Dollar.  
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 9.13/16d.

To-day's Anniversary.  
To-day is the 68th anniversary of the death of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish patriot.

Kailan Output.  
We are informed that the total output of the Administration's mines for the Week ending 1st May 1915 amounted to 72,878.35 tons and the Sales during the period, to 79,010.48 tons.

Quarantine Notification.  
Hongkong has been declared an infected port by Netherlands-India, as from yesterday.

Quarries to be Let.  
One year letting of stone quarries at Lung Ku Tan will be put up for auction on May 23 at Tai Po.

Crown Land Sale.  
A plot of land at Lung Tsau Tsang is to be offered for sale on June 1 at the District Office, Hongkong.

Company Warned.  
It is notified, in the *Government Gazette* that at the expiration of three months the following company will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved:—The Po Wa Insurance Company, Limited.

Bathing Parties Warned.  
It is notified by the Colonial Secretary that while the examination service is in force the beaches in the neighbourhood of Junk Bay are dangerous should it be necessary for the batteries to open fire. Bathing parties using beaches in this area are warned that they do so at their own risk.

Ordinances Assented to.  
H. E. the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 12 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1914, and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordinance No. 13 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

Intestate Estates.  
Notice is given in to-days *Gazette* that, if no claimants appear within twelve months from the date of this Notification to claim any funds remaining from the Estates of the undermentioned deceased persons, such funds will be transferred to the Revenue of this Colony:—H. E. Hammon \$39.35; All Bar \$75.32; W. Edlin \$11.89; F. Campbell \$224.71; Mrs. E. J. Mignin \$41.03 and R. Harding \$207.69.

New Channel for Junk Traffic.  
With reference to paragraph (f) (iv) of the Public Traffic Regulation published in *Government Notification No. 286* of the 3rd August, 1914, that the Channel to the North and East of Chung Hae will be open to Junk and Sampan traffic by day until further notice. Vessels using this Channel must proceed to the Examination Anchorage. This order will come into force at day-light on Sunday, the 16th May, 1915.

## NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

## MORE ODDS AND ENDS.

French and Belgians Busy.

A French communique which we published yesterday afternoon, and another, supplementary to it, which arrived during the night give us a little clearer idea of what the Allies in Belgium and the North of France are doing. German losses are again terribly heavy, both in slain and in prisoners. The latter message shows that the Belgians have been living up to their reputation for pluck and perseverance, and that the French continue to minimise the enemy's chances of establishing himself in Calais or on the road thereto. The booty captured round about Oenay is of the class that even a moderately successful army can ill afford to lose, at a time when the fighting pace is fast and when further supplies from headquarters are apt to linger on the road: two field guns, three heavy mortars (the special weapon next to poisonous gas—wherein Germany's soul trusted) a dozen trench mortars, many machine guns, three thousand rifles and a considerable quantity of supplies. This valuable haul was further increased by another at Neuville St. Vaast. And, in addition to these serious losses, Germany has to own to having been driven back at various points; notably at Bois le Pretre.

In other Quarters.  
There is a regrettable scrapiness about the remaining wires; though they range from Italian politics to the American Note, and from Indian trade events in the Dardanelles, they tell Hongkong people but little of what they are eager to know. There is one brief Petrograd message which speaks of the Austrian defensive as weakening; but few of us had supposed that the events of the last two or three months were of a nature to strengthen it. Yet, when it comes to a question of lasting, we are quite prepared to see the Austrians and Hungarians playing the part of the creaking door, for they have less bluster and more vitality and healthy staying power than their delectable allies. The Prussians, when they give way, will probably do so with a snap; they are too flashy and bombastic, as well as too hopelessly the slaves of red tape in its worst form, to be of the type that can "stay" and can play a losing game with credit and dignity. What strength they have left lies in ability to play dirty tricks, and, when they get to the bottom of their store of these, they will crumple up. The Austrians, Bavarians and Wurtembergers are less likely to fall from want of pluck than from lack of enthusiasm. For all their sins, they are a clean and honest lot when compared with the Prussians, and we are prepared to believe that most of the half-heartedness that has marked their fighting arises out of an uneasy conscience and a distrust of the tribe of Hohenzollern.

British Affairs.  
Wires that concern exclusively the British side of the war are not uninteresting—so far as they go. The first Irish division of the new army has gone to the Front, and we need no assurances that the men constituting it will uphold the honour not only of Ireland but of the Empire. The anti-German rioting in Johannesburg, has its less gloomy side in the fact that the city was formerly as pro-Boer and as pro-German as it could well be. At the moment it is taking steps—not the best or happiest, it must be owned—to show that it identifies itself with the rest of the Empire in being horror-stricken at Germany's invariable villainy—and in being convinced that the Imperial Government made a well-nigh fatal mistake in suffering aliens domiciled in British territory to be at liberty. The hint to the Ministry, whether from Johannesburg, from London or from Liverpool, has been such as could not well have been misunderstood; and we note with satisfaction that Mr. Asquith is prepared to act upon it, to at least to some extent, without further waste of time.

## 1890.

## HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending May 1, 1890.)

## The Dollar.

May 15.—"The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 3/34."

"And this Thing—"

May 9.—"William of Germany is the great-grandson of an idiot, the great-grandson of a drunkard, and the son of a decent fellow who died of cancer. He himself has a head so ulcerated that he has to take medicine as an Australian bushman takes tea. And this thing prattles of solving the labour problem."

[Even in 1890 the *Telegraph* appears to have entertained a singular admiration for H.M. the Kaiser.]

## The Clock Tower.

May 10.—"When will the Hon. the Surveyor General see his way to recommend to His Excellency the Acting Governor the advisability of removing that hideous and most inconvenient structure (the Clock Tower) to some place on the higher levels of the city, where it will not be a public obstruction and nuisance?"

## Saddledislike.

May 10.—It is stated that English women are now purchasing men's saddles for their own use. A London saddler says the craze will not last long—lovely women's legs are so short that she cannot possibly look graceful while sitting saddle-wise.

[For once the *Telegraph* seems to have been "out in its calculations. But the blame obviously lies with the London saddle.]

## Hongkong's Delays.

May 10.—"The report of the Head Master of the Central School, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday and duly appeared in our last night's issue, was published so long ago as last January. This may interest the Finance Committee when the vote for printing, etc. is brought forward. If an important educational report of this character cannot be printed in less time than four months, it is absolute waste of public money to print it at all."

The German Parliament.  
May 10.—"The German Parliament has been opened by the Emperor, who, in his speech, said that any displacing of the balance of power would endanger the equilibrium and the forming of a basis of peace policy. His Majesty announced a Military bill and measures for the protection of workmen."

[In future the Kaiser may safely leave to the Allies the duty of attending to the balance of power.]

Sir Bartle Frere on the Colony.  
May 12.—"Sir Bartle Frere, G.C.B., the well known Indian statesman, but who is perhaps best known to fame from his services as Commissioner in East Africa for the British Government in abolishing the slave traffic, and as an author and in connection with the Royal Asiatic and Royal Geographical Societies, arrived here from Singapore yesterday by the English mail steamer *Rosetta*."

Returned to the Colony.  
May 12.—"Mr. Thomas Jackson, the popular Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arrived here from London by yesterday's English mail, and once more assumes directions of the Hongkong affairs, vice Mr. G. E. Noble, absent on sick leave."

The "Telegraph" and the Stock Exchange.

May 13.—"The establishment of a properly constituted Hongkong Stock Exchange has again been indefinitely postponed. At a meeting of representative brokers held yesterday it was decided to abandon the project for the present and to advise His Excellency the Administrator to that effect. It is argued that as there is now no share business in the Colony, there is no use for a Stock Exchange—and so another much needed reform has been allowed to collapse."

"No Solids at All!"

May 14.—"The human body is supposed to consist of 60 per cent. water and 40 per cent. solid."

Many bodies in Hongkong, however, consist of 40 per cent. of water and 60 per cent. of whiskey. No solids at all."

The Hongkong Hotel and the Brokers.

May 14.—"The corridor of the Hongkong Hotel is no longer available for the noble army of nondescript brokers who have found a convenient and comfortable habitation there for months past. The seats have been removed and the place transformed into a very pleasant conservatory, greatly to the delight of visitors to the Hotel and the general public. Henceforth the fraternity will have to establish their offices (and themselves) in the street, so that what will be the Hongkong Hotel's loss will be a gain to Queen's Road, if the police and the community will only be persuaded to regard it in that light. Everybody must, of course, earn a living in some way or other, but we are bound to say that a collapse of this wholesale brokering mania could only be regarded in the light of the public boon."

## Church Attendance.

May 15.—"Statistics show that in London the church attendance is one in ten, in Liverpool one in nine; one in six in Melbourne, and one in four in Adelaide. In Hongkong we score about one in a hundred. We say 'about' advisedly, because those whose duty it should be to keep the 'run' of things clerical in our colony, appear to devote their time to matters more profitable. But that it is only right, of course, seeing that we are all out here to make our pile and then clear."

## 1890.

## SHARE REPORT.

The quotations which follow are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for May 15th, 1890.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—198 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$100 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$70 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance.—\$11.355 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Ltd.—\$122 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association.—\$1.90 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$370 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company.—\$85 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$4 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.—\$36 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steamship Company.—\$105 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company.—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$190 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures.—\$501.

Indo-China S.N. Company.—25 per cent. s.n., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company.—\$55 per share, sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$205 per share, sellers.

Imeson Sugar Refining Company, Limited.—\$84 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company.—\$98 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$111 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$73 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co. Ltd.—\$10 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.—\$21 per share, buyers.

Hongkong High Level Tramway Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. prem., sellers.

Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share.

Green Island Cement Co. (old issue).—\$33 per share, nominal.

Green Island Cement Co. (new issue).—\$3 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$3 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.—\$7 per share, nominal.

West Point Buildings Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, buyers.



## THE USE OF THE SERVICE RIFLE.

## Hints in Non-technical Language.

A reasonable complaint has reached this office from a busy man of affairs, who has found time to place himself at the disposal of his country in one of the volunteer bodies of the Colony. He found that going on parades after his day's work was done he was too tired readily to absorb his military instruction, and still more so, after that, to worry with the technical terms in the text books on the subject. To meet this difficulty we are publishing a series of articles on the subject written in non-technical language and edited by a gentleman who has had considerable experience on the matter, and if they meet the difficulty that is indicated by our correspondent's letter we shall be well repaid for this venture, in the knowledge that a little more work has been done towards a good end.

To commence with perhaps it would be as well to deal first with the subject of aiming—it is assumed that the reader knows thoroughly the parts of his rifle and the bearing of one on the other. As everyone knows, the motive force of a rifle is obtained by an explosion in a cartridge at the end of a long tube, the use of which is to direct the force of the explosion and at the same time to keep that force applied to the projectile for an appreciable period. The latter function is important as will be perceived when fine shooting and extra range was obtained very early in the history of musketry by the Arabian *j-zai*, with which some very deadly work was done. So that after all, the man behind the gun has first of all to bring about an explosion—the most simple of operations—and by directing his tube secure that the projectile will follow a line which he desires. From the hundreds of yards which the early bullet was sent, the rifle can now send its missile a distance counted in thousands, due of course to many inventions not the least important of which are the new explosive substances. In this connection it would be as well for beginners to know that the strict regard for the cleanliness of the arm by officers, has the best of reasons. The residue from an explosion, which settles inside the barrel does far more damage now-a-days, than did the deposit from ordinary gunpowder, and it does not require any too great amount of fouling of this nature to effect the barrel by corrosion to such an extent as quickly to destroy the rifling of the barrel, and once that is destroyed there is a very strong tendency for the bullet to cease travelling along its own axis and to tumble over and over, just as it had been merely thrown through the barrel. The rifling will thus be seen to have the effect of keeping the bullet spinning on its long axis, a motion which it retains to the end. In a Lee-Enfield rifle there are in all five grooves set screw-wise making one left handed turn in ten inches.

While the fore sight of a rifle is stationary and somewhat of the nature that may be described as a blade, the back sight is movable, graduated and so arranged that automatic adjustments can be made for sighting over various distances. It moves on a scale graduated in 100 yards at a time and sub-divided down to 25 yards, while there are rifles in existence which provide even smaller graduation, not coming within the scope of our discussion.

A complaint is often heard that a man has failed to make a good score at shooting because his back sight was wrong. It probably was. It would be easier to say, and certainly quite as correct, to make the general sweeping statement that very few rifles shoot exactly to the graduation of the sight, and it is in these differences that the "individuality" of the weapon occurs. It will be understood that in chaining such erratic forces as explosions it is well nigh impossible to secure absolute standards, and for this reason the graduations are really

in the nature of a mean graduation. Consequently the rifleman should get to know the idiosyncrasies of his weapon as an introductory to good shooting. Even supposing the rifle is new, there is this possibility of error and, with use, it becomes even more pronounced and, as a soldier is not allowed to make any marks in the back sight, it is a matter of his own knowledge when it comes to making allowances for the "individuality" of his arm. Memory of the corrections he makes, is necessary up to 600 yards or thereabouts for the ordinary shot, but the crack man will even follow them up to the limit of his scale. Usually speaking however the markings on the back sight are quite sufficient for accurate battle practice.

There are other matters to be taken into consideration besides the error in graduation due to the fact that back sights have to be made on a standard principle and cannot be calibrated to suit each separate rifle. One is the drift caused by the rotatory motion of the bullet which causes, by reason of certain laws the explanation of which would be exceedingly technical and quite beside the point, a wandering from a direct line. At any rate drift is an actual fact which may be ignored is some of the smaller ranges but is a factor to be reckoned with over long range firing.

Having passed the barrier that unfamiliarity with the back sights sets up, it will be as well to turn to aiming practice itself. Broadly speaking the marksman has to hold his rifle that the barrel oozes of the foresight is in line with the V of the back sight, or the blade of the former in line with the centre of the U of the latter, exactly in the middle of the aperture with the top of the U level with that of the I. This sighted on the target with the tops of the sights resting just below the bottom of the mark should give a dead shot. Should the top of the I come below the top of the U the shot will be low and if the reverse is the case, the shot will go high. If the I is not truly centred against the U the shot will go to the right or the left as the case may be.

The sights must be kept perfectly up right as an inclination to right results in the bullet striking low and right, and vice versa. In firing, the right eye is used for sighting with the gun to the right shoulder, the left only being used when it is impossible for the soldier to shoot from the right. In sighting, comfort of the man should be his first consideration. The eye not in use should be closed without screwing up the face, and the gun should be held well into the shoulder. Everyone is told to do that and very few do at first, but bitter experience of a sore shoulder and poor scores bring about amendment of the bad habit. If an afternoon firing without this precaution gives very sore arms, what would a day's fighting, firing all the time do to the same limb? Incidentally if anyone suffers from acute headaches after firing, he may find that much of this subsequent discomfort can be minimised by holding the rifle well into the shoulder and thus absorbing much of the kick. A good lusty punch in the shoulder from a badly held gun is the best instructor as to not how to do things. It is also as well to remember that the eye should be well back from the cocking piece, for the farther back it is, the less likelihood is there of the sights becoming blurred and a bad shot resulting. That after all is a matter of rendering the focussing of the eye a matter of ease and certainty.

Having secured a right sight with all the points enumerated above carefully watched for, it only remains to pull the trigger, and there is more in doing that than many wot of in all their philosophy. "Pull" is a misnomer, though it is common use; the trigger should be squeezed gently and firmly so that the aim is not disturbed. If the rifle has a double "pull off" the first will be taken as the sight is secured and the second just as the eye is satisfied that the sighting is correct. It must be taken gently and firmly so that the aim is not destroyed.

## FOOD PRICES.

## Further Alterations Made.

The following amendments to the food price list, have been made by J.E. the Governor-in-Council:—

4. Frozen Meat:—  
The Dairy Farm prices of frozen food and other stores as printed in the Dairy Farm price list and amended in red ink dated the 8th day of February, 1915, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Food Committee are the maximum retail prices of the articles enumerated in the said list except in the case of the subjoined articles, the prices of which are as follows:—  
Butter, (Daisy) ... \$1.10 per lb.  
" (Dairymaid) 1.00 per lb.  
" (Buttercup) .90 per lb.  
" (Pastry) .80 per lb.  
Cheese ... .70 per lb.

Market Produce:—  
Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet) ... lb. 15  
—Shen-sheng Tim Chang ... lb. 15  
Oranges, (Canton), ... lb. 15  
Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on subsidiary coinage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding \$2 in value (excepting the articles enumerated in Clause 5) shall, if made in subsidiary coin, be subject to an additional charge of 10 per cent.

## TRANSFER OF BRITISH SHIPS.

## Important Act Passed by Home Legislature.

The following are the terms of the British Ships (Transfer Restriction) Act, 1915:—

An Act to restrict the transfer of British Ships to Persons not qualified to own British Ships. [15th March, 1915.]

Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. A transfer made after the twelfth day of February nineteen hundred and fifteen of a British ship registered in the United Kingdom, or a share therein, to a person not qualified to own a British ship, shall not have any effect unless the transfer is approved by the Board of Trade on behalf of His Majesty, and any person who makes, or purports to make, such a transfer after the commencement of this Act without that approval shall, in respect of each offence, be guilty of a misdemeanour.

2. This Act shall apply to British ships registered at foreign ports of registry and to British ships registered in any British possession other than those mentioned in the Schedule to this Act as it applies to British ships registered in the United Kingdom.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the British Ships (Transfer Restriction) Act, 1915, and shall be read as one with the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1914.

(2) This Act shall have effect only during the continuance of the present war.

Schedule:—British India; The Dominion of Canada; The Commonwealth of Australia (including Papua and Norfolk Island); The Dominion of New Zealand; The Union of South Africa; Newfoundland.

It is here again that the human element has to be watched by the marksman himself. Nerves have to be held well in hand as many a good shot—at least one who knows everything that has to be done and does it up to pulling the trigger—knows. Often a good shot is spoiled by the fact that when he reaches the climax of discharging his shot, he loses his sight and merely lets his rifle off in the direction of the target. He should be able to fire so steadily that when the shot has sped he can look along his sights to practice all the same spot as that on which his sight was drawn a moment before.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on Tuesday, 25th May, 1915, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1915.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th instant to the 27th instant both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 14th May, 1915.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's offices, St. George's Buildings, on Saturday, the 22nd May, 1915, at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 25th February, 1915, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th May to the 2nd May both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

10.00 p.m. Kinshan. | 5.00 p.m. Fatshan.

SUNDAY, 16th MAY.

10.00 p.m. Fatshan. | 12 noon Kinshan.

Single Fare by Night Steamer	£ 6.00
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Single Fare by Day Steamer	4.00
Return Fare by Day Steamer	8.00

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

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HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sundays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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SUNDAY, 16th MAY.

The Company's Steamship TAISHAN will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

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Kitano Maru Capt. F. E. Ope T. 16,000 {THUR., 20th May, at noon.

Awa Maru Capt. Hori T. 12,500 {TUES., 18th May, at 4 p.m.

Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Tozawa T. 12,500 {THURS., 27th May, at 4 p.m.

Hitachi Maru Capt. Tomisaga T. 13,500 {TUES., 18th May, at 11 a.m.

Tango Maru Capt. K. Soyeda T. 13,500 {THURS., 27th May, at 4 p.m.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane

Shitachi Maru Capt. Tomisaga T. 13,500 {TUES., 18th May, at 11 a.m.

Tango Maru Capt. K. Soyeda T. 13,500 {THURS., 27th May, at 4 p.m.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon

Kanagawa Maru Capt. Higo T. 12,500 {THURSDAY, 27th May.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca and Colombo

Tosa Maru Capt. Takano T. 12,000 {SATURDAY, 15th May.

SHANGHAI, Kobe & Yokohama

Katori Maru Capt. B. Kon T. 20,000 {TUES., 18th May, at 10 a.m.

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Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
Kitano Maru	16,000 tons	Thursday 20th May
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Hirano	16,000 "	" 17th June
Katori	20,000 "	" 1st July
Kamo	16,000 "	" 15th July

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
Awa Maru	12,500 tons	Tuesday 18th May
Shidzuoka	12,500 "	Thursday 27th May
Aki	12,500 "	Tuesday 15th June
Tomba	12,500 "	" 29th June
Yokohama	12,500 "	Thursday 8th July

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

# CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For Steamers To Sail.

SHANGHAI.....Kanchow .....16th May at 4 p.m.  
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....Taming .....18th May at 4 p.m.  
SHANGHAI.....Luchow .....18th May at 4 p.m.  
SHANGHAI.....Yingschow .....20th May at 4 p.m.  
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Tjilwong	JAPAN	in port	JAVA	15th May
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Tjikini	JAVA	2nd half May	JAPAN	28th May
Tjilmanok	JAPAN	26th May	JAVA	28th May
Tjilalajap	JAVA	2nd half May	JAPAN	28th May

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Large Diesel Engine.

The largest Diesel engine yet constructed to a definite order has recently been completed by Messrs. Sulzer Brothers, of Winterthur, Switzerland, and successful tests have been carried out. Motors of high power have been built by two firms in Germany, but up to the present they have reached only the experimental stage. The new engine is of the two-cycle, single-acting type with six cylinders, and was designed to develop 3,750 h.p. at 142 r.p.m., though on trials a power of 4,500 h.p., or about 750 h.p. per cylinder was maintained for a long period. It was built for Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, and is to be employed in generating electricity for light and power in the shops, although there is a possibility that its installation may lead to a similar type of motor being developed for marine work in this country. The cylinder dimensions are 750 mm. bore and 1,000 mm. stroke (about 29½ in. by 39½ in.), and in general design the motor is of the marine type, being somewhat similar to the 850 h.p. engines installed in the motor ship Monte Pasado and also to two sets of 1,800 h.p. each, built for a British naval tankship. There are two scavenging pumps driven directly off the crank-shaft, and the scavenging air is admitted to the working cylinders through two sets of ports at the bottom. The main ports are opposite the exhaust ports and occupy half the periphery, while the auxiliary scavenging ports are above, the air being admitted to them after the piston has covered the bottom set in its upward stroke. For each cylinder there is a valve in the main scavenging pipe controlling the passage of the air to the auxiliary ports. The cylinder covers are supported by means of steel columns which take the main stresses due to the high pressure, and the cylinders are hung from the covers, being therefore free to expand longitudinally. Another modification is that the governor of the engine is arranged to control the air inlet of the air compressor and the time of opening of the fuel valve, as well as the stroke of the fuel pump. By this means the engine is enabled to run satisfactorily at low powers—*Deutsche*.

American Shipping Trust Finance. The report, issued from New York, that the holders of the International Mercantile Marine Company intend to apply for a receivership will come as no surprise. No interest was paid on the bonds last October, and it is understood that payment was not to be expected in April. Committees have been sitting and, as we pointed out, their recommendation of a reorganization scheme is likely to be forthcoming early this month. The finance of the "combine" has often been criticised as top-heavy, and though the concern was able to struggle along in fine weather, the squally months since August have found out its weakness and shown the need for a reconstruction. The "International Mercantile Marine" is a holding company, and the shipping lines in which it is interested are not among those which have benefited from the war. They are passenger lines and passenger earnings have been very far below the normal. The future of the American "combine" is important, because it happens to hold all the shares in the White Star—one of the most famous of all British lines—which during the war has been contributing vessels to Government service, including the *Oceanic*, lost off the north of Scotland while commissioned as an armed merchant cruiser.

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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Tues., 18th May at noon.
Kobe & Moji	Kutsang*	Wed., 19th May at noon.
S'PORE, Pang & Calcutta	Kumsang*	Wed., 19th May at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Hangsang	Thur., 20th May at 4 light
MANILA	Loongsang*	Sat., 22nd May at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Chipsang*	Sun., 23rd May at 4 light

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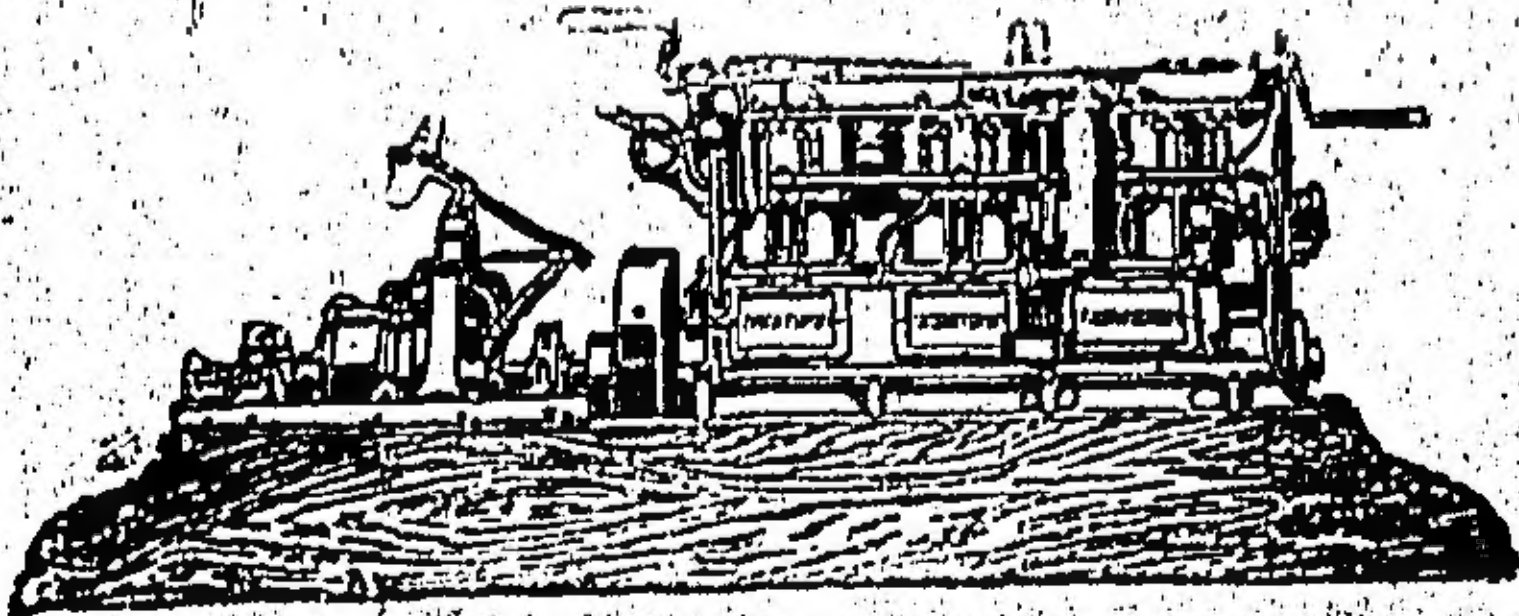
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Boston & New York via Suez	Tuscan F.	B. L. L.	10, June
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Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	15, May
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Sangola	D. S. Co.	15, May
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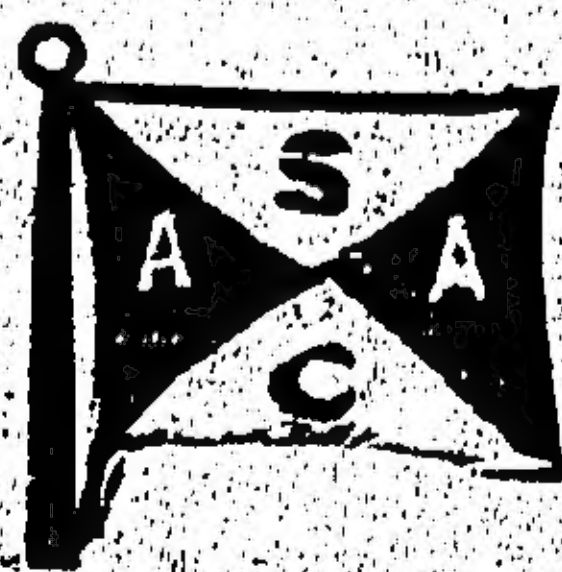
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### FROM DOVER STRAITS TO THE GOLDEN HORN

Mr. Simonds' Review of the Great War in Its Eighth Month.

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS

#### I. At the Dardanelles.

In the whole progress of the Great War no month saw such a sudden and dramatic change as March. Week after week of weary winter campaigning had held the gaze of the world fixed upon the plains of Flanders and Champagne, upon the marshes of East Prussia, where battles without more than local importance gave temporary advantage first to the Allies and then to the Germans. In the monotony of the official bulletins even a world war lost appeal and challenge to an audience become surfeited with the reports of indecisive engagements.

But with the opening of March a new horizon was suddenly lifted. From the Straits of Dover and the banks of the Vistula the center of battle shifted to the straits of Constantinople. At the Dardanelles the guns of the greatest armada in the history of the world awakened the echoes of the hills behind the Troad and the Anglo-French fleet was followed by the transports, come to land troops on the Gallipoli peninsula where in 1355 the Ottoman Turks under Sultan Murad had entered Europe on the triumphal march that was to lead to the walls of Vienna over the ruins of the Empire of the East and the nascent Slav states of the Balkans.

In October the 42-gun monitor *Gallia* of Germany had leveled the walls of Antwerp, crushed the gallant but impotent Belgian galleys, and carried the legend of Teutonic might to the shores of the North Sea, to the very gates of Calais and Boulogne. Now it was the 15-inch guns of the Queen Elizabeth which took up the response along the shores which had seen the dust and fleets of Xerxes pass forward on their great adventure, which had witnessed the crossing of Alexander the Great as he, carrying back the conquering message of the West, had set forth on his tremendous expedition. In a single day, too, the world turned from the contemplation of campaigns of the Twentieth Century to one more combat in the lands and waters forever memorable in Homer's song.

Nor was the new phase less appalling in immediate political significance than in historical challenge. Russia, heavily beaten about the Masurian Lakes, thrown back upon the defensive from the Baltic to the Rumanian frontier, was proclaimed by German reports to be on the point of giving up the conflict. She had so far borne the burden of the world conflict in a measure beyond the expectations of the civilized world. At Tannenberg, at Lodz, at the Masurian Lakes, she had sacrificed her hundreds of thousands, while French and British troops remained idly in their trenches or failed in their local offensives.

But even as the German forecast was proclaimed the guns of Admiral Carden's fleet at the Dardanelles sounded the coming of a new day for Russian hopes. The dream of Peter the Great, the enduring purpose of the Romanoffs, the deep and potent emotion of every Orthodox Greek Catholic, all these were roused to new life, not merely by a fresh attack upon Istanbul, but by the exchange of assurances between Russia and Britain across the intervening distance of a continent of war. In Petrograd Sergius Sazonoff announced the approach of the day when Russia would

realize her great ambition of an avenue to the open sea. From London Sir Edward Grey responded with the solemn assurance that England and Russia were at one on the question of a warm water gate for the Slav.

Thus, in a single hour the Eastern Question changed its whole appearance. The England at hand unmistakably, however guarded the diplomatic phrase, renounced the policy of Beaconsfield, the policy which had provoked the Crimean War, and sent the British fleet to the Sea of Marmora to destroy the Treaty of San Stefano. In an hour of Russian dejection, Germany had sought to draw the great Slav state away from her allies and those allies, through England, had answered with the promise of the prize for which three centuries of Russian history had been filled with war and effort.

Once more sea power had demonstrated its tremendous advantage, its supreme power. At the first crisis in the relations of the Grand Alliance the battleships of Britain and France, keeping the seas, while Germany's fleet lay idly in home waters, had restored the threatened solidarity of the Kaiser's enemies.

#### II. The Russian Aspect.

In an examination of the meaning of the attack upon the Dardanelles it is necessary first to discuss the Russian aspect, then to examine the immediate and remote effects upon the neighboring and neutral states. For two hundred years, from the moment when the Treaty of Orlovitz gave the first sign of the decay of the Ottoman, Vienna and Petrograd had openly contested for the estate of the "Sick Man of the East." From the first opening of the Eastern Question to the Congress of Berlin the alliance of the sea powers and of the central European nations checked Slav ambition. Three times in the last century Byzantium had seemed within the grasp of the Romanoffs and three times it had slipped away.

At the Congress of Berlin Bismarck, after long consideration, decided between Austria and Russia as a future German ally. The Treaty of Berlin, which gave Macedonia back to the Turk, Bosnia to Austria, Cyprus to England, was the beginning of the drama that led inevitably to the tragedy at Sarajevo and the catastrophe of the world war. Beaten in Manchuria, Russia turned back to Europe in the opening years of the present century. On the morning after Mukden there was renewed in the Balkans the old battle between Romanoff and Hapsburg.

In 1908, when Austria announced the annexation of Bosnia, Russia suffered the greatest humiliation in her long history. Following that she began the rapid and successful diplomatic campaign which provoked the first Balkan War. Winning Serbia away from her Viennese leading strings, she made her the Russian soldier on the Danube, a soldier fired by dreams of the redemption of Serb lands beyond the Danube and the Dnieper. Turkey having become in turn the Russian soldier on the Danube, Russia erected that Balkan confederacy which at Lule Burgas and Kumanovo shattered, not Turkish empire in Europe, but Austro-German supremacy south of the Danube.

Austrian diplomacy answered with the second Balkan War, in which Bulgaria, impelled by suggestions from Vienna, assailed her old allies. But at the Bregalnitsa and at Kilkis Serb and Greek armies completed their conquests of Macedonia, and Rumania, now yielding to Petrograd advice, entered the lists to seize from Austria's recruit lands between the Danube and the Black Sea. Bulgaria now lay in ruins, an eloquent reminder of the impotence of Austria, while Serbia, newly swollen with pride and hope, resumed her campaign for Bosnia.

Once more Austrian and German diplomacy sought to bind up the wounds of Turkey, to make the Sultan a vassal of the Kaiser. In this, thanks to Bayar Bay, they succeeded, and the coming of the great war, provoked by Russia's Serbian soldier, saw the Ottoman marching to the notes of "Deutschland uber Alles."

Germany had thus placed her mailed fist upon the spheros. Between Russian hope and realization stood a Turkey, in fact, ruled from Berlin. In the same fashion German control of the head of Islam procured the proclamation of the Jihad, the Holy War against the British and the French, that is, the promulgation of the call to arms to the millions of the followers of the Prophet in India and North Africa, the summons to rise and slay their Christian masters, which was heard in all the bazaars from Benares to Tlemcen.

A common necessity then united France, England, and Russia. Turkey must be destroyed, the Turkey ruled by the Kaiser, that these nations might hold their colonies. England answered first by the annexation of Egypt. Presently Russia followed by the announcement of Sazonoff, echoed by Sir Edward Grey, the momentous announcement that after 442 years the Turk must depart from Stambul, that the Cross was to replace the crescent upon St. Sophia, that, with Anglo-French permission, aid, and approval, "the bear that walks like a man" was to descend the Bosphorus and occupy the heights above the Golden Horn, that the Russian banner was to be raised on the crumbling walls, at the very breast through which Mohammed II. had, four centuries earlier, entered to meet and slay the last and noblest of the Paleologs and end the Byzantine Empire.

Taken by the Anglo-French fleet, Constantinople would remain in Allied hands until the end of the war, the gage of Russian fidelity to her allies, the assurance to Russia of a reward for such fidelity beyond the gift of the steel-encircled German Emperor. Meantime, Russian grain flowing out would relieve the sufferings of the Allies and reduce the price of bread in Paris and London. Conversely arms and ammunition would flow back, the resources of the world in the manufacture of war material would be at the service of Russia, hitherto blockaded by the Kaiser, and winter on the north, and the Sultan in the south.

#### III. Wavering Neutrals.

But the guns of the fleet at the Dardanelles sounded echoes elsewhere than in Petrograd and London. Athens, Sofia, Bucharest, even Rome, heard with new interest, with new and deep emotion, the cannonade that seemed to forecast the end of an empire and the beginning of an era in the Near East.

For Bulgaria the sudden change was of immediate meaning and Bulgaria held the key of the Balkan situation. In the Second Balkan War her allies, acting under the impulse that was given in Petrograd, had stripped her of most of her conquests. Macedonia, from Monastir to the Rhodopians, had gone to Serbia; Kavala, Seres, Drama, had passed from Ferdinand to Constantinople.

her fairest Danubian province, hers before the war, later had been occupied and annexed by Rumania. The Turk had come back to Adrianople. After all her sacrifices, she had gained next to nothing.

Russia was held responsible for all this and against Russia the Balgar henceforth sang his "hymn of hate." Thus when Serbia, impelled by Russia, entered into her unequal conflict with Austria, every sympathy in Sofia was against her. That Bulgarian regiments did not appear at Nish was due solely to the fact that Rumanian and Greek troops on the Bulgarian frontiers served to demonstrate that Serbia's allies were prepared to fulfil their treaty obligations and maintain the terms of the Peace of Bucharest.

But, by way of revenge, when Russian troops entered Bukovina and the Car backed up to Greek and Rumanian armies to join in the war and realize their national aspirations in Albania and Transylvania, there came from Sofia the solemn warning that Bulgaria would reserve her right to avenge her injuries, should the opportunity come, unless her lost provinces were restored. This warning had sufficed to immobilize Rumania and Greece for months, but for all three nations the coming of the Allied Armada opened a new situation.

Venizelos, the Cavour of the New Greece, the great man of the Balkans, promptly sought to join Greece to the Allies, but his effort failed. King Constantine, perhaps influenced by his wife, the sister of the Kaiser, possibly by Bulgarian menace, intervened, the Boule was dissolved, Greece was thus compelled to wait a month before her public opinion could express itself, but there was no mistaking the direction of Greek national sympathy, Greek desire to redeem the million of Hellenes in Asia Minor, about whose heads another Allied fleet at Smyrna was bringing Ottoman power down in ruins.

In Sofia there was equal agitation, and a strong political party demanded that Bulgaria's armies should reenter Thracia, should seize the propitious moment to retake Adrianople, as the Turks had retaken it from the Bulgars, should carry their frontier down to the Euxine-Media line agreed upon at London in 1913. But this meant to join the Allies, conceivably to renounce all hope of retaking Macedonia or the Danubian province stolen by Rumania. In this situation Ferdinand followed the example of Constantinople and Bulgarian action was halted. Yet the new spirit in Sofia and in Athens was an evidence of the decline of German influence, of the fatal advantage that would come to the Allies if they should take Constantinople and gain possession of the resources with which to feed Balkan appetites.

In Rumania the situation was more complex. The prospect of Russian possession of the Straits was a peril for the Rumanians, who unlike the Greeks and the Bulgarians had no direct and open exit to the Mediterranean. On the other hand the prospect of Bulgarian expansion, of Greek gains, consequent upon a decision by these states to cast their lot with the Allies, was a new incentive to Bucharest to join in the combat and by conquering Transylvania and Bukovina preserve Rumanian influence as the greatest of the Balkan states.

While the bombardment of the forts progressed there was no mistaking the effect that Austro-German influence, quite as much as Turkish power, was crumbling in the Near East. A new Balkan situation was arising, Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, their racial integrity restored, promised to constitute a wall of strong little nations, perhaps presently united by common necessities, a wall against the German ambition

to construct a Teutonic empire from Berlin to Bagdad, to the frontiers of India. More than this, the passing of the Turk promised to leave to the aged Francis Joseph an undisputed title to the throne of "the Sick Man of the East." For what the little peoples of the Balkans had achieved, it was plain the little peoples of Austria-Hungary would now seek with new determination, the great blessing of liberty, of freedom.

If the reveille of the guns of the Queen Elizabeth at the entrance of the Dardanelles was heard in the Balkan capitals, it was even more plainly audible in the Italian capital and once more the approach of the fall of Constantinople aroused the emotion of Rome. Nor was there any mistaking the direction of national sentiment. Here, as elsewhere, sea power was making itself supreme.

In August Italy had decided not to follow her allies. To every appeal of Berlin and Vienna she had answered with a cool, negative, while the calm voice of diplomacy was emphasized by the cries of the mobs which demanded that Italy should complete her destiny by annexing the Trentino and Trieste and taking up again the pathway of Venetian glory along the Dalmatian coast.

In November Germany had sent Prince von Bulow, an ex-Chancellor of the Empire, to Rome to try again. He had offered Italy Nice and Savoy, Corsica and Tunis, the empire of the western Mediterranean. But to all these poisoned gifts Italy had remained unresponsive. While these offers were being made, another Garibaldi had given his life for France in the trenches of the Vosges and the whole Italian people approached his bier with an emotion and a national spirit that warned German agents and Italian statesmen that the Italian people had forgotten Nice in the burning memory of Austrian tyranny and were looking east, not west, to sea Italian greatness realized.

Presently German diplomacy changed its direction. Where it had sought to buy alliance, it now contracted for neutrality, and the Trentino and a strip of territory east of the Italian frontier along the Isonzo were suggested as the price of Italy's neutrality. But from such a bargain Vienna and Rome both shrunk. Vienna held the price too high, Rome, too small; and German irritation at Austrian obstinacy began to find its way into the German official press for the first time.

In this situation the attack upon Constantinople aroused a fresh outburst of Italian feeling, gave new impetus to the forces which seemed to be drawing Italy into the war. In deciding not to attack France in 1914, Italy had definitely renounced a struggle for the supremacy of the western Mediterranean. But the fall of Turkey would mean the partition of Asia Minor, the division of the Aegean Islands. To the conquerors would belong the prize. France, England, and Russia might expect to divide the Turkish estate, throwing to the Balkan states such morsels as generosity or policy might dictate. For Italy there would be no share, if Italy bore no part of the burden of conquest.

Once more as in the unhappy Tunis tale, there was quoted the Italian proverb: "The late guest fares ill." Italy had come too late to take her rightful place in North Africa. Of the Roman estate, Tunis, Algeria, Morocco had gone to France; Egypt to Great Britain. For herself she had gained only sterile Tripoli. Henceforth the control of the Mediterranean would belong to the Anglo-French alliance. To a neutral Italy this alliance, once Germany was conquered and Austria overwhelmed, need make no concession. Rather it would

be Italy that would hereafter have to yield.

Thus it was that the fate of Constantinople became an Italian problem and once more the world heard of new Italian mobilization, of a fleet of superdreadnoughts waiting on the tide, as it were. Even Berlin, long hopeful, began at last to give unmistakable signs of apprehension, a fresh confession that fate and diplomacy were alike against the Kaiser, whose splendid armies were still winning tremendous but fruitless victories, while sea power and Allied diplomacy were little by little undermining the whole structure of the Central European Alliance.

In the third week of March, Bucharest and Rome, Sofia and Athens were all the centres of new military activities, the sources of new forecasts all pointing unmistakably to the entrance of other nations into the conflict, and to no one of these nations could Germany look for assistance. Thus, if one could think of the Central European Alliance as a human figure, gigantic in proportions, the head and shoulders of Germany would emerge unshaken, but they would rest upon the dwindling Austrian body, itself poised on Turkish feet of clay. These feet of clay the Allies had now attacked with the contemporary prospect of achieving the overthrow of the giant.

#### V. As to the Turk.

Such were the political and diplomatic aspects of the Constantinople campaign. Such were the circumstances in the immediate future which were now forced upon the attention of the whole world. There remained the question of the Turk, himself. Oddly enough, in the welter of world issues, his own fortunes dropped out of sight.

Yet in later history the passing of the Ottoman from Europe must have a real meaning. More than five centuries and a half had elapsed since he came across the very straits where Anglo-French cannon were now blasting a road to Byzantium. When a century later Constantinople itself fell, all Europe had suddenly to consider a new peril, the approach from the East of that Islam Charles Martel had halted in the West. Two centuries later, when Western Europe signed the Treaty of Westphalia, the Turk had carried his empire beyond Budapest and to the gates of Vienna. Greek culture had been checked, Christianity in southeastern Europe conquered; Serb, Balgar, Rumanian, Hungarian, Albanian and Greek had fought and yielded, and it had been left to Sobieski of Poland to save Europe, to rescue Austria, and to open the way for the fall, first of Poland and then of the Ottoman.

As late as Napoleon's time Turkey was still to be reckoned with and the great Emperor dreamed of establishing himself at Constantinople, after having revived the glories of Alexander the Great and made the East a new world empire. In the Nineteenth Century it was the little Balkan states that fired the imagination of the world by their struggles for liberty and Modern Germany and United Italy in fact followed in the pathway blazed for them by the Greek and the Serb.

From the Congress of Vienna to the Peace of Bucharest, too, the Eastern Question had weighed heavily upon all European statesmen. French participation with England in the Crimean War had led to her downfall in 1870; for Russia watched idly while the Prussians approached Paris. The antagonism of Russia and England had provided Germany with the opportunity to develop commercially, while England was watching the imaginary rival behind the Hindu-Kush. Germany had laboured and failed to cement the Triple Alliance because Austria and Italy were naturally

and inevitably rival claimants to the Turkish estate in the Aegean and the Adriatic.

Turkey now having elected for Germany in the world war, it was becoming clear that the sands of her empire were running out. She had sent her troops to the Caucasus to relieve the pressure upon Austrian troops in Galicia and they had been routed. She had thrust at Britain in Egypt and failed. Already east and west her beaten armies were returning her generals, for the most part German, were hastening back to defend Gallipoli and Constantinople. More than this, in her own capital there was heard the murmuring against the German, which promised to end in revolution once the prospect of disaster could no longer be concealed.

Philo-German Turks had gambled on German success, it was now apparent that German success in the north would not save Turkey, and the strong faction which opposed German influence day by day made head at Stambul, while the crowds in the streets clamoured for bread and victory, to be answered only by defeat and want. As March progressed the situation at the Golden Horn became more desperate. Rumours came of the departure of the Sultan for Brusa, ancient capital of the Ottoman in the hills above the Sea of Marmora, for Koniah, far inland on the Bagdad railroad.

Five centuries and a half of European power seemed plainly approaching a term for the Turk as the Allied fleet daily progressed in its slow march eastward. Russian armies entered Armenia; British troops ascended the Euphrates from its mouth towards the great inland valley. From the Aegean coast the Mohammedan populations fled before the guns of Allied warships; along the Bosphorus Russian battleships also spread win. No where in the whole gigantic picture was there the smallest evidence of hope for the Ottoman. If Belgium had suffered, continued to suffer for her Allies, the world now believed that Turkey was dying for those whose battle she had volunteered to fight.

A touch of romance there was added to the picture of ruin by the report that old Abdul Hamid, long a prisoner, had escaped from his gaolers and was planning a new revolution. What thoughts must have come to that sovereign who had kept Turkey intact for so many years by matching Christian nation against Christian nation, as he bided his ancient defenders and his oldest and most relentless foe marching against his capital united, in the determination to destroy his empire!

#### VI. At the Straits.

The actual naval operation at the Dardanelles is simply described. About a hundred miles west of Constantinople the Sea of Marmora narrows to a channel in places little more than a mile wide. For forty miles this narrow channel separates the Asiatic mainland from the Gallipoli Peninsula. A little more than half way between the Sea of Marmora and the Aegean the channel passes through a throat, reminiscent of the entrance to Santiago Harbour in Cuba. At this point on both sides are a line of strong forts. Here, too, is the village of Nagara, or the site of Abydos, where Leander and Lord Byron swam the Hellespont. West of this point the channel widens, but at the entrance to the Aegean it again narrows and here other forts formidable were erected by the Turk.

(To be Continued.)



# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

## SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1915.

### CHINESE CURRENCY.

Professor Hinton's Third Lecture.

The third and last lecture of this series was well attended. Referring to his previous lectures Professor Hinton said that they inevitably conveyed a false impression of simplicity and completeness. The problems of Chinese Currency were too complex to be set forth briefly and completely. The audience must think of the confusion which he had attempted to describe, as being many times worse than he had said. Similar remarks applied to the Hongkong currency. The dependence of the conditions here upon the balance of trade in South China, was liable to upset theoretical conclusions which were perfectly valid when applied to a normally independent system. He hoped to return to this in greater detail on a future occasion, when there would not be the same necessity for an elementary treatment of the theme.

Two aims of Reform—Stability and Uniformity.

Any reform of the currency must have two aims, namely a stable standard of value, and uniformity in the coinage. The Chinese Government was already committed to measures which would secure the second of these ends. They were issuing dollars of about 72/100 Kuping Tael 900 fine, and attempting to displace the present currency by these and notes based upon these. When the slow progress of this reform was complained of, people forgot the area of China. China proper was as large as Europe without Russia and that continent had nineteen separate coinage systems, only partially uniform. Given peace and a continuance of the present policy a considerable improvement in the currency in this direction might be expected.

As to the stability of value or constant purchasing power in a currency, it was incapable of realisation under present conditions, but the nearest approach to it was given by a Gold Standard such as was used in Great Britain. To a slightly less degree stability was also ensured by a Gold Exchange Standard. The essential advantage of this system was that it enabled a gold standard to be maintained in a country with a silver circulation. Hence its adoption among other places by the Philippines, the Straits Settlements, Japan, and in a limited form, British India. The details varied with local circumstances. In some places gold might be current in small amounts, in others it might hardly ever be seen; the circulation might be mainly paper, or partly one and partly the other. In any case it was a token money maintained at parity with gold by the fact that it was redeemable in gold, or in rights to receive gold elsewhere.

Establishment of a Gold Exchange Standard.

Suppose a Government using a silver dollar and note currency wished to fix the value of the dollar at 2/-. That was to say, the dollar was always to buy as much as one tenth of a sovereign would buy. This could be done provided the dollar was freely exchangeable for gold, two dollars for a sovereign. It then became a silver or paper symbol for 12.327 grains of standard gold. It was not gold, but it was evidence of a right to receive gold. Now the Government might find it inconvenient to keep large reserves of gold on hand in the country, and on examining the reasons for the presentation of dollars for redemption, it would find that in many cases they were presented for the sake of securing gold to settle international balances. But drafts on a gold account in London would

serve this purpose as well as sovereigns. All that was necessary, therefore, to secure that the dollars should remain near par, was that they should always be able, (when presented in sufficient amounts) to buy gold at a fixed ratio. When the balance of trade or payment was unfavourable, dollars would be presented to buy gold credits in Europe. When the exchange went the other way, gold credits would be converted into dollars, which would thus be released into the circulation. With an adequate reserve and by judicious manipulation, this could be carried on so long as there was not an extremely prolonged unfavourable balance of trade. If dollars were presented for gold, the receiving bank must keep them out of circulation until the exchange turned the other way. Theoretically these dollars were so much gold, which had gone out of the country. The consequent restriction of currency had the effect of encouraging exports, since prices fell, and the country became a good place to buy in, but a bad place in which to sell. Thus the balance tended to be restored. This was the type of currency which Dr. Vissering had proposed for China in his capacity as monetary adviser to the Chinese Government. The lecturer quoted a summary of these proposals.

Dr. Vissering's Original Proposals.

Three Stages of Reform.

The reform was to be undertaken in three periods. In the first the gold unit was to be fixed at about 1/20th of a pound sterling and, through a reorganised Central Bank, introduced as one more element in the present welter of currencies. It was to be a money of account, like a tael, but of more stable value, being of gold. At this point the cooperation of the banks was essential if the new money was to come into general use. When this had been accomplished the Central Bank was to build up a reserve by taking gold or its equivalent and issuing notes redeemable in gold or drafts. This paper currency was then to become legal tender, and, as part of the circulating medium. At the end of the first period it would be possible to tell whether or not the conditions of foreign trade in China were favourable to the establishment of a full gold exchange standard.

The second stage was concerned with the issue of silver tokens of a weight and fineness to be then decreed (1/3rd of a Kuping Tael 987 fine was suggested). These coins with their subsidiary issues, were to be put into circulation, and a corresponding gold reserve built up in Europe or China or both as occasion demanded. Gold might also be coined to some extent; the Sovereign and American Gold Eagle might be made legal tender together with this new coin of 20 units. Possibly some gold certificates might be put on the same footing. The second period would be brought to a close by the declaration of these token coins, gold coins, and gold certificates, as unlimited legal tender.

The next stage consisted of the withdrawal and demonetisation of the old silver dollars, and the cash, and the suppression of the Sycee by the new unit so far as possible.

Threefold Objection to the Scheme.

The objections to the scheme were threefold. In the first place the requirements of different parts of China were so widely different, that it would be difficult to introduce a uniform scheme which would suit all parts alike. This difficulty it was proposed to overcome by first introducing the new gold unit as a money of account, especially dealt in by a new Central Bank with monopolistic privileges of issue. But the success of such a scheme depended upon the hearty

### APPOINTMENTS.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government, Mr. Carlos Layseca as Acting Consul for Peru, in Hongkong.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments under Section 19 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903:—

Police Sergeant A. Floyd to be a Sanitary Inspector for Aberdeen, with effect from February 5, 1915, vice Sergeant P. Brazil.

Acting Lance-Sergeant A. W. Grimmett to be a Sanitary Inspector for Stanley, with effect from February 5, 1915, vice Lance-Sergeant W. Spille.

Lance-Sergeant B. Lanigan to be a Sanitary Inspector for Shamshui, with effect from April 27, 1915.

Acting Inspector M. Earner to be a Sanitary Inspector for Kowloon City, with effect from March 1, 1915, vice Inspector G. Sim.

cooperation of the Chinese and foreign bankers, and this constituted the second difficulty. However much the reform of the currency might be to the benefit of deposit banking in the future, there seemed to be no reason to suppose that the business of exchange banking would benefit by the change. The ultimate benefit was theoretical, and involved readjustments and modifications of business methods which might not prove easy. The immediate loss was likely to prove a very practical consideration as soon as the demonetisation of all other money took place. It therefore seemed doubtful whether this support would be forthcoming, and in that event it was unlikely that the Chinese Government could force the scheme through. The third difficulty was that of preventing counterfeiting. It was proposed at first to issue what were practically bank notes redeemable in gold credits or to some extent in gold coin. When people had grown used to the new unit it was suggested that silver tokens should be issued. But this left the difficulty of preventing counterfeiting where it was before, and the expedient suggested as a possible course, namely the imposition of an import duty to raise the value of silver bullion so as to make full weight counterfeiting unprofitable was also open to serious objections.

All these difficulties had of course been recognised by so able an economist and banker as Dr. Vissering, and much weight should be attached to the fact that a somewhat similar reform had been carried out very successfully in the Dutch Indies through his hand.

The measures which he suggested to meet these difficulties were ingenious, but they all depended for their success upon the hearty goodwill and cooperation of bankers and merchants or upon rather extraordinary ability and integrity in Governments. The lecturer was by no means satisfied that there was what English parliamentarians would call a "Mandate for Currency Reform" in China, and it was perhaps too much to hope that so delicate and complicated a sequence of reforms could be carried out in China as we know it to day. It might be possible, as the Doctor suggested, to carry out his scheme in part, but that would not seem to do much more than add to the present confusion. There was a short discussion at the end of the lecture.

### TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

#### RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN GALICIA.

#### AUSTRIANS IN PRECIPITATE FLIGHT.

#### GERMAN CLUBS CLOSED IN COLONIES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

#### THE ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

May 14, 5.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome reports that the King of Italy received the presidents of the Senate and the Chamber to-day, and then Signor Giolitti.

There has been great excitement over the crisis, and the military have been most vigilant to prevent disorders, as the exasperated crowds were shouting "Viva Salandro and Sonnino" and "Down with traitors."

#### GERMAN CLUBS CLOSED IN AUSTRALIA.

May 14, 10.20 p.m.

Empire-wide sympathy in connection with the Lusitania crime includes a resolution by the Australian Parliament condemning this wanton murder on the high seas.

The German outrages have caused an intense feeling in all the Dominions.

Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne reports that the Hon. Mr. Pearce has ordered the closing of all German clubs in Australia.

#### RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE.

Big Austrian Defeat in Western Galicia.

May 14, 10.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the official communique reports the fighting is favourable to us at Osnov, where we captured over one thousand Germans and nine machine guns.

The intensity of the fighting in Western Galicia lessened on May 10, and our troops concentrated on a shorter front on the River San. The Austrians have evacuated strongly fortified positions along a front of 140 kilometres beyond the river Pruth.

The enemy's cavalry endeavoured to cover the retreat were defeated by our fire. The Russian cavalry broke the enemy's lines at several points, charged and threw the Austrian columns into disorder. A vigorous pursuit continues under conditions particularly favourable to us.

The great number of prisoners we have taken are being rapidly increased.

#### FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

Further Success on Western Front.

May 15, 1.35 a.m.

The Paris evening communique states that North of Arras the state of the ground has interfered with the fighting, but we continued our offensive and captured to the south west of Angres, a German trench a kilometre long, a fortified wood and second line of trench. Four hundred German bodies were found on the ground.

We stormed more houses in Neville St. Vaast. One hundred officers, twenty guns, including eight heavy guns, one hundred machine guns and trench mortars have been captured since Sunday. The German attack in the Bois D'Ailly was repulsed, elsewhere everything was quiet.

#### SANITARY BOARD.

Business for Tuesday's Meeting.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting of the Sanitary Board, to be held on Tuesday, next:—

Minute by the President of the Sanitary Board re proposed changes in the Estimates for 1916.

Application for permission to erect 6 water closets and 8 urinals at the proposed school for Indians on Island Lot No. 1524, Soo Kuo Poo.

Application for permission to sell meat, pork, fish, &c., on the ground floors of certain houses proposed to be erected in Matheson Street.

Report from the Government Analyst on the public water supplies for the month of April, 1915.

List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 for the month of April, 1915.

Limewashing return for the fortnight ending 4th May, 1915.

Mortality return for Hongkong for the weeks ending 25th April and 2nd May, 1915.

Mortality return for Macao for the weeks ending 25th April and 2nd May, 1915.

Rat return for the weeks ending 1st and 8th May, 1915.

#### ORGAN RECITAL PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme to be rendered by Mr. Denman Fuller at his organ recital in St. John's Cathedral on Monday afternoon:—

Allegro (Sonata in F minor), Mendelssohn.  
Cantata, E. Elgar.  
Canon in D minor, Schumann.  
To the Spring, Grieg.  
Fugue (on tune of Hymn 165), Bach.  
Serenade, F. Bridge.  
Toccata, L. d'Eury.

### HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION.

#### Proposed New Buildings.

In the third year of its existence, the University Union is able to congratulate itself upon a membership of nearly 250. The Annual General Meeting was held in the Great Hall of the University on Friday last. His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor is President of the Union and there are several well known local gentlemen as Vice-Presidents. Mr. Fung Mar Sui (Chairman of the Union) presided and after the usual formal business, announced that the Presiding Officer would furnish the names of the new Council as soon as the ballot papers had been duly counted. He next referred to the various activities of the Union during the past year and especially mentioned the successful issue of the University Magazine; he also expressed the hope that something would be done to provide better accommodation for Union members in the University. He mentioned that the members of the Union had had the annual report in their hands for some days and he would be pleased to answer any questions concerning the work—Athletic and Social of the Union. He then called upon the Hon. Treasurer to give some detailed account of the balance sheet.

Professor Middleton Smith (Hon. Treasurer) dealt with the various items in detail. He was pleased to say that they had completed the new recreation ground in the Pokfulam Road, which was now a really fine ground. Although the Union, in common with the rest of the community, had suffered some inconvenience due to the war, as Indian troops had been quartered on the new ground, yet the Government had dealt very fairly with them. Of course there could be no question of compensation due to the loss of the use of the ground for a season, but the ground was being repaired and all damage made good at the Government expense. Only yesterday their President (the Chancellor) had enquired at a Council Meeting as to its progress.

Professor Smith then referred to the urgent need of a suitable pavilion for the ground. He said that from time to time, visitors to the University, after admiring their fine buildings and equipment and after leaving of their various branches of academic work, asked him "Suppose that some donor offered fifty or sixty thousand dollars to you for the University, how would you spend it?" Of course he was always tempted to speak of extensions and momentary visions of new machinery and possible researches delighted him. But he always answered at once "On behalf of the Students' Union." Not only did they need the new pavilion to complete their splendid athletic ground, but they also needed proper accommodation for indoor recreations and activities. He fully agreed with the Chairman as to the urgent necessity for proper reading and club rooms, where the students of the various Faculties might fraternise. As treasurer he would do his utmost to persuade any friends of the University how admirably such money would be invested. He would guarantee to all donors of such a building that they should have their names handed down to posterity by suitable notices in the buildings. He sincerely hoped that a great effort would be made to obtain the necessary money for such a building fund. A pavilion for the new ground would probably cost about \$5,000. He had discussed this matter frequently with members of the Union Council and he was sanguine that

### DAY BY DAY.

#### Extradition Case Remanded.

In the case in which the Chinese authorities are asking for the extradition of Chan Yam Tuk, a remand was ordered for a week. The Crown Solicitor appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Otto Kong Sing for the defence.

#### Theft of P.W.D. Property.

This morning at the Police Court, before Mr. J. B. Wood, a Chinese was charged with the theft of 170 lbs. of iron bolts the property of the P.W.D. from that department's store on the Praya East. The man was sent to prison for three months with four hours stocks.

#### The Assault on a European.

In connection with the outrage on Mr. Hutchinson, six coolies, who have been arrested were brought before Mr. J. B. Wood on a charge of highway robbery and remanded for a week. Another Chinese charged with receiving some of the property alleged to have been stolen was also remanded.

#### Alleged Armed Robbery at Yau-mat.

Yesterday afternoon four men entered 499 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, and acquired of a woman, who was there, if her husband was in. She replied in the negative and they thereupon set upon her and bound and gagged her and her apprentice. They ransacked the house, breaking open two boxes and made off with jewellery to the value of \$134 and money to the amount of \$257. As they went the woman succeeded in raising the alarm and a coxswain of the Water Police, who lives nearby, effected the arrest of a man carrying a quantity of the stolen goods and also a knife.

#### TYPHOON WARNING.

The following typhoon warning has been received through the courtesy of the American consulate:—

The Telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 10.45 a.m. May 15, 1915.

Cyclone or Typhoon E. of Bashi Channel. Moving E.

If only one of his friends among the Chinese community be convinced of the need of this pavilion he would be of the utmost service to the Union in taking up the matter with his usual enthusiasm. He could not mention names but he hoped to do so later on. But he could promise any local gentlemen the gratitude of the students and staff if they could assist the University in this manner.

The Treasurer's report having been adopted, the following elections were announced. Chairman Mr. Lo Hin Shing, Hon. Secretary Mr. John Moraes, Hon. Treasurer Prof. C. A. M. Smith M. Sc., Members of Council Messrs Cheah Tiang Eam, Cheong Chee Hai, Fung Mar Sui, Si King Hong, Li Tsok Lun, Mok Hing, Tang Ying Lam, Wei Wing Hon and Wong Siong Che.

Mr. Lo Hin Shing, in thanking the members for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as Chairman, made a further appeal, on behalf of the Union, for the Pavilion and also the Union Building. He was quite sure that if their friends only understood the very great importance of the matter they would willingly help them.



CONTEMPORARY  
OPINION.

## Back to the Savage.

The following leading article was clipped from the Sydney Daily Telegraph of April 3. The Germans' latest land outrage is of a piece with their sea barbarism. A horrid world sees military and naval officers of a nation which used to be called, civilised, engaging in a cold blooded rivalry in brutal acts which makes the old pirates seem by comparison gentlemen, and the Hun and Vandals humane and cultivated persons. The Germans are clearing the Argonne, the Meuse, the Marne, and Alsace, of their inhabitants. That is, they are depopulating the whole of that strip of north-east France which they still hold and part, at any rate, of one of the French provinces which they stole nearly fifty years ago and have been trying in vain to Germanise ever since. Women and old men and children, for every man who can carry arms is sure to have left Argonne, the Meuse and the Marne for the French armies at the front, and a good many escaped to them from Alsace—they are all being robbed of what food they have left, turned out of their homes, and driven in cold and starving packs right off the country side. The reason given for this barbarism is a simple one: the feeling of the inhabitants (of these districts) "is detrimental to the German soldiers." No doubt that is true. Nobody would expect an army to starve in a country containing food, and where anything goes wrong with the commissariat, requisitions against payment, from hostile inhabitants are a recognised thing in war. But this is quite different from stripping people of all they have and driving them away from their homes. Indeed, it would be hard to find a parallel to it in the history of modern civilisation. Germany's conduct harks straight back to the savage; she almost expects to hear that some of the refugees, from her barbarity, are lacking scalps. And yet, if one leaves off trying to compare Germany's actions with those of civilised peoples, and considers only her own precepts, it becomes clear that systematic outrage of this kind was to be expected. The German war book, the official instructions issued for the use of German officers by the German General Staff, deliberately incalculates the waging of war not merely against combatants, but against "the whole intellectual and material resources of the enemy." The German soldier, who has been warned, as this book warns him, against modern "romanticism and flabby emotion," and instructed, as this book instructs him, not to let humanitarian claims interfere with his war making, is hardly likely to hesitate at this sort of thing. A strip of country is occupied, but not conquered; there is still among its inhabitants "a feeling detrimental to the invaders." Then strike terror into those inhabitants, as was done in Belgium; or sweep them away, anywhere, as in the case of these French provinces. That is the German way. One can only believe that, as the American newspaper said, when it got news of how the Falaba and Agula were sunk, Germany, even Germany, must have been reduced to a state of utter desperation to allow such things. Very likely there is nothing in the story of the German headquarters officer who admitted that all was lost. But a hopeful army, even of Germans, would hardly find it advisable to behave like this. What effect should such things have upon the Empire and the Allies generally? It cannot give them any stronger impulses against the enemy, for that would be hardly possible. But one thing it should do; it should knock the "don't humiliate Germany" idea out of all reasonable heads. For a nation which can reduce itself in a few months to the level of a pack of savages, no humiliation could be too great. Its punishment must be sound, and it must be put to school again.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## Beverlac Rubber Co.

The ninth ordinary general meeting of the Beverlac (Selangor) Rubber Company, Ltd., was held at Colombo on April 23. The chair was taken by the Hon. Mr. W. H. Figg (director), and there were also present: Messrs. Herbert Bois and J. J. Wall (directors), Mr. D. T. Richards (representing the agents and secretaries), and, by attorney, Messrs. G. B. Leechman, A. Thomson, F. W. Bois, H. G. Bois, E. R. Waldoock, and Barclay Leechman.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts the chairman said: The crop realised for the year approximated very closely to the estimate, being only 1,000 odd lbs. behind. The net average price realised for our rubber—considering the averages realised by other companies during the past year—may be, I think, deemed quite satisfactory. The working of the estate has been carried on economically and you will observe that the cost is down to 70 cents Ceylon currency. Capital expenditure is now becoming nominal and the working profit, taking all things into consideration, may be deemed satisfactory—exceptionally so, I think, when we consider the time of stress we have been passing through in consequence of the war. There is nothing in connection with the working of the estate during the past year to which I wish to call particular attention but there are two matters which I should like to mention: One is the severe wind which visited the Malay States recently and which resulted in very serious damage to many properties. Shareholders will have, doubtless, read in the newspapers, accounts of the damage done by the wind. I am glad to say that although Beverlac estate is situated almost within the track taken by that wind the company lost only 74 trees. The other matter to which I wish to refer is the fact that a small estate adjoining Beverlac—Bukit Kusan of 67 acres planted rubber—is about to be acquired by the company as it can be advantageously worked in conjunction with Beverlac. The price at which it will be acquired is a reasonable one, but as the purchase has not been completed I do not think it desirable to say more at the present juncture. At the same time I thought it desirable to inform the shareholders of this opportunity, and to add that at the next general meeting full particulars will be available.

Mr. Herbert Bois seconded, and the report and accounts were adopted.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded on behalf of Mr. F. W. Bois, a final dividend of 12½ per cent., making 25 per cent. for the year, was declared.

Mr. Herbert Bois was re-elected a director and Mr. O. T. MacDonnell was again appointed auditor.

**The Directors' Report**

The report of the directors was as follows:—

**Directors.**—The Hon. Mr. W. H. Figg, Messrs. Herbert Bois, G. B. Leechman, J. J. Wall.

The directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders of the company their report for the past year, together with a statement of the company's accounts for 1914, duly audited. The crop for the past year amounted to 193,094 lbs., as against an estimate of 195,000 lbs., while the net average price realised was Rs. 1.55 per lb., as compared with Rs. 1.74 per lb. in 1913. The expenditure on crop account was \$77,140.48, the cost of laying the rubber down in Colombo and/or London being cents 39.65 of a Straits dollar or cents 70.23 Ceylon currency, per lb., as against cents 78.23 in 1913. Capital expenditure amounted to \$1,532.50, the cost of a new set of lines on Beverlac. The working account shows a gross profit of Rs. 163,519.73, and after deducting directors' and agents' fees, etc., the net profit including Rs. 8,955.94 brought forward from 1913, amounts to Rs. 1,09,525.93, or equal to nearly 34 per cent. on the paid-up capital of the company. Two interim dividends of 7½ per cent. on October 15, 1914, and 5 per cent. on January 15,

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman V. D., State:—

**Joined.**

The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—

No. 1841 Sapper O. W. Brown to Engineer Company.

No. 1842 Sapper A. Grant to Engineer Company.

No. 1843 Private H. E. Mariel to Scouts Company.

**Parades.**

Parades for Monday, 17th instant. 5.30 p.m. Right Section M.G. Co. (Recruits only)—Squad drill at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section—Musketry Instruction at Headquarters. Corpl. Grimes R.E. will attend. Remainder Nil.

**Detail.**

On duty from 7 a.m. to-morrow to 7 a.m. 17th inst.—No. 2 Sec. Art. Batty, and Right Sec. M.G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Danby.

On duty from 7 a.m. 17th to 7 a.m. 18th inst.—Left Section M.G. Co. and Civil Service Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Rees.

On duty from 7 a.m. 18th to 7 a.m. 19th inst.—Right Half Scouts Co.

Officer on duty, Lieut. Weall.

Orderly Officer for week, Lieut. Preston.

Orderly Sergeant for week, Corpl. Carpenter.

SPECIAL POLICE  
RESERVE ORDERS.

The following are the Special Police Reserve Orders, issued by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, A.S.P. Reserves:—

**Parades:—(Central Police Station):—**

Monday, May 17.—The following members of the British Company must parade at 5.30 p.m. sharp:—Brown, F.J., Grant, James, Kennedy, Martin, Nicoll, Rosser, Grant-Smith, and Weaser. The Indian Platoon and all recruits from the Chinese and Portuguese Companies will also parade for Rifle exercises at the same hour.

Tuesday, May 18.—Portuguese and Chinese Companies, Rifle Exercises 5.30 p.m.

1915, have been paid absorbing Rs. 62,500, and the directors recommend that the balance be appropriated as follows:—To the payment of a final dividend for 1914 of 12½ per cent. (making a total dividend for the year of 25 per cent.) on the paid-up capital of the company, Rs. 62,500; Extension Fund Account, Rs. 25,000; Depreciation Account, Rs. 10,000; carry forward to 1915, Rs. 9,529.93.—Total, Rs. 107,029.93.

The small shortage of crop as compared with the estimate is to be accounted for by the thinning out which has been done and also by lighter tapping to extend renewal by two years. Mr. Quattrone, the visiting agent, continues to report favourably on the condition of the properties, and Mr. Barclay Leechman, who was on a visit to the F.M.S. last month, went over the estates with Mr. Harvey, the superintendent, and was pleased to see everything looking in first-class order. Mr. E. L. Russell, the assistant on Kapar, resigned his billet last year and Mr. G. D. Moir was appointed to succeed him. Thinning out is being continued this season. Last year on Beverlac 19 acres had artificial manure applied, and on Kapar 60 acres were forked. Labour is healthy and contented and prospects generally are excellent. The 1915 crop is estimated at 200,000 lbs. of dry rubber on an estimated expenditure of \$77,253.95, equal to cents 67.93 per lb. Ceylon currency, while there is no capital expenditure estimated for this season. It is hoped that with favourable weather this crop will be secured.

On May 1 last Mr. G. H. Bois resigned his seat on the board owing to his departure for home, and Mr. Herbert Bois was appointed to take his place. Mr. Barclay Leechman on 7th inst. on his departure from the island, resigned his seat on the board and his place was taken by Mr. J. J. Wall. In terms of the articles of association, Mr. Herbert Bois retires by rotation from the board of directors and is eligible for re-election.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## GERMANS IN SHANGHAI CLUBS.

## THEIR PRESENCE "OBNOXIOUS."

(From Our Own Correspondent).

The Germans and Austrians in all the clubs in which the majority of members are British have been requested to absent themselves from the clubs in Shanghai as from to-day, as their presence is obnoxious.

The British merchants are forming a British Chamber of Commerce.

## OUR SPORT LATTERS.

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**Neuve Chapelle.**

The Service clubs are full of gossip about the big affair—the "picture show"—at Neuve Chapelle. Obviously the fall story has yet to be told. Some assert that we meant to retake Lille, and should have done so, but for the worst of luck in the way of a fog, which hampered our movements greatly, and some mistakes in the leading. It is said, moreover, that a good many of our casualties were caused by our own fire. Certainly the operations did not work as smoothly as they should have done. Whether it is true that a famous General has been recalled in consequence, or whether he is really suffering from nervous breakdown, no one yet knows for certain. It may be all more or less idle gossip, but it is Service gossip, and some of the men engaged in the fighting are very sore about it. On one point there is no doubt whatever. Our men fought with splendid valour, showing that all the talk about the demoralising effect of prolonged trench work is mere moonshine. The Canadians did splendidly, as they are still doing in the trenches and there is great admiration of the manly and stirring address made to the contingent by the old West Kent officer who is in supreme command of them. It was just the sort of address to appeal to such men as the Canadians are. The admission that the Germans must never be able to say of the Canadians that they showed themselves nervous by shooting wildly at random on their first night in the trenches and the prophetic declaration "Lads, the Germans will never turn you out, and I pity them if you get at them with the bayonet," were soldierly and fine. An old Estonian serving with the Heavy Howitzer Brigade has sent a fine description of the Canadians playing football under shell fire. "A shell fell in the same field, and the man with the ball didn't even stop to look at it. In fact he jolly near shot a goal. The absolute callousness with which all our men treat German shells is extraordinary." The writer continues, "My observation barn is slowly falling to pieces and if it doesn't clear soon and let us get started I'll have to quit. A sparrow is my only companion, and I have to bribe him to stay with bits of biscuit. These biscuits and bally are cold comfort in a thick fog on top of a half-blown-away farm with a continuous roar of big guns all round. At any rate, it's great sport, and a great deal better than the poor chaps in trenches; how they stick it I don't know." An Artillery officer gives the following description of the Neuve Chapelle affair: "We were pushed up to a position where we were shelled most of the day and night, and were surrounded by our own field guns, which gave us no peace. I think I can now safely give you some idea of the show out here. We have, of course, been working for the event for some time. The Germans seem to have had no idea of it, although we had been missing artillery here for a long time. It was the biggest artillery show there has been since the war started and was a great success from our point of view. Barbed wire is proved to be useless if subjected to the right sort of artillery fire. In one instance, we cut up 2,000 yards of it into 6 in. lengths. We started up with the wire-cutters at 8 a.m. and have the credit of having destroyed the fortified position

in front of—We then came down on the Germans' front trenches, the whole lasting 35 minutes, then lifted our fire to—for a quarter of an hour, and then on to another position. The Germans were quite taken by surprise and had no time or inclination to man their maxims, and the infantry simply walked into Neuve Chapelle, the supports moving up the road in fours. The prisoners taken were simply yellow with lyddite. The flares are now, I take it, getting ready to return the compliment; any way, they have collected a good many guns, but I expect we, or the French, will have a go at them somewhere else, so as to keep them moving." Another officer who was in the thick of the fight says: "Our infantry did awfully well, including the Indians. The poor old Highland Light Infantry were attacked by masses of Germans and driven out of the trenches they had gained. But they advanced again and recaptured them after a hot struggle. Once more they were driven out. Once more with reinforcements they captured and held them. The London Brigade, a fine set of sturdy fellows, fought very hard like real Englishmen, and quite came up to the first class standard, showing the worth of the Territorials. The German losses must have been far greater than ours. They advanced on Neuve Chapelle in close order, and our men were told not to fire until they were within forty paces. The best progress and work was done by troops which included the Irishmen, who were to the south but of course these were Regulars." This officer adds that when the Germans counter attack in close formation was delivered their ranks were broken after four volleys rapid at fifty yards. The battle lasted four hours, and the whistling, whining and hissing of the shells with the rattle of the rifle fire drowned the voice.

## The Dardanelles.

The spirit of the troops is shown by the Boxing tournament organised by the Scots Guards, which was a great success, showing excellent form as well as great pluck, and drew from the G.O.C. division a congratulatory speech. An eighteen foot ring was put up in a great hall, full of shell holes, and the company sat on biscuit tins. A Coldstream Guardsman describes a scramble in the dark. "The night before last, when we were going into the trenches, one of our chaps was carrying a tin with some holes in it to make a fire. We had to go over a ditch to get into the trench, and in the heat of the moment he fell but he stuck to his tin all the time. We were supposed to be silent, but we all burst out laughing and then we copped it." A Naval officer has sent home a fine description of the bombardment of the Dardanelles, vividly showing the effect of heavy shell fire on the forts. One of our seaplanes was fired on by some Turkish troops concealed behind a row of nine windmills, all close together on the European side. "Before you had time to say 'By jove' there was a deafening crash, and when the smoke had cleared away those windmills—had been moved! It was an extraordinary sight. The little cruiser, had sighted and hit and completely wiped out those Turks almost before they had time to see the result of their shot at the seaplane. One of our landing parties signalled 'Please shell the town; it is full of soldiers.' A quarter of an hour later the town vanished under a pall of smoke, red, yellow and grey, with red tongues of flame. It was destroyed the fortified position

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE CONCERT.

To the Editor of the Hongkong (Telegraph.)

[OPINIONS ETC.]

Sir,—As one who appreciated to the full the musical treat provided by ladies of the Catholic Women's League at the City Hall yesterday evening may I trouble you so kindly to give publicity in your valuable paper to the following. The function from the beginning to the end was a great success and reflected the greatest credit on Mrs. Loureiro who was mainly responsible for its institution. One and all acquitted themselves in a manner meriting the highest praise, revealing as they did, musical talents of no mean order. If any item could be singled out for special encomium it would undoubtedly be the duet from "Ponchelli," sung by Miss Osvaldo and Mrs. L. H. Hyndman the latter of whom also delighted the audience with the fine rendition from Verdi—"La Forza del destino" (which was very well expressed) with "Carmena" as Encores.

This lady is without doubt singularly gifted and it is to be hoped the public will hear more of her singing.

Mrs. Loureiro and the C. W. L. are to be congratulated on the great success, which crowned their effort and from which the Belgian Fund will derive benefit so materially.

MUSICIEN.

Hongkong, May 13.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

**St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.**—May 16th, Sunday, after Ascension, 1915. Holy Communion Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Festal. Venite: Kempton. Psalms: of the 16th morning. Te Deum: Oakley in F. Jubilate: Ouseley in G. Holy Communion (12 Noon) Hymns: 147, 207, N.B.—Psalm 79, verses 1, 5, 6, 9, 14 in unison. Psalm 80, verses 3, 7, 14, 19 in unison. Psalm 81, verses 1, 9, 14, G.P. in unison. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Festal. Psalms: of the 16th evening. Magnificat: Elvey (23rd morning) Nunc Dimittis: Wesley. Hymns: 300, 150, 477. Organ Recital to-morrow (Monday), at 5.30 p.m.

**St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.**—6th Sunday after Easter 16th May 1915. Holy Communion at 11 a.m., only, Matins 11 a.m., Responses: Festal. Venite: Barnby Day 21st. Psalms: As set. Te Deum, St. Jude. Jubilate: Ouseley. Hymns: 229, 249 (part 3), 561 (Tune 126). Kyrie: Varley Roberts. National Anthem. Evensong. Hymn: 233. Responses: Festal. Psalms: As set. Magnificat: Smart. Nunc Dimittis: Wickes 10th Evening. Hymns: 241, 242 (Tune 239 A. & M.) and Tune 235. Vesper Hymn, National Anthem.

**Union Church, Kennedy Road.**—Morning 11 a.m. Hymns, 88, 572, 514, 110. Evening 6 p.m. Hymns 374, 95, 317, 300. Communion at 7. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

**St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.**—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone, B.A. The Gospel Hall—38 Queen's Road. (3 Doors from bottom of D'Agular Street). On the Lord's Day Believers meet for Worship at 5 p.m. and the Lord's Supper; at 4 p.m. a Children's Meeting; at 8 p.m. Preaching, Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. E. position of Scripture. Saturday at 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

**First Church of Christ Scientist.**—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m. Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai. —Sunday Morning Service, 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.5 p.m. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street. —Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road. —Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Roman Catholic Cathedral, (Cen.)**—Low Mass at 6.7 and 9 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## WAR ITEMS.

## German Officer's Gratitude.

Writing to his parents at Nottingham, Wm. Potterton says: "Neuve Chapelle was like going into hell. I saw one of our men fetch a wounded German into their trenches, and when he had made him safe they shot off our man's hand. Another bandaged a German officer up and when he had finished the officer drew his revolver and shot him. They are all dirty cowards, and the next that throws his hands up to me will die."

## Hindenburg Busts.

An artful German attempt to procure copper has been foiled by the watchfulness of the Swedish Customs authorities. A Berlin firm placed a big order in Stockholm for copper busts of General Von Hindenburg. A consignment was about to be despatched when it was seized.

## Kaiser's "Doubles."

The *Figaro* says: "During the visit of the German Emperor to Luxembourg two officers, who are about the same height and appearance as the Emperor were ordered to attire themselves and to make themselves up like his Imperial Majesty. They donned the cloak of blue, and the Imperial cap, and adopted the Imperial moustache. They then drove about in grey motor-cars carrying the Imperial Crown, and thus perpetually threw the curious, and also possible assassins off the track of the Emperor.

In this way it was possible to meet the Emperor William in three different places at one time, Corn via the Dardanelles.

Four English army officers Montana, Minnesota, Wyoming and California have received cable orders to return home at once. They interpreted their recall to mean that England believes the allied fleets by forcing the Dardanelles will enable the allies to utilize Russian supplies, instead of buying from the United States. They have been stationed in the west and northwest since the outbreak of the war, buying horses, mules and food supplies.

"The significance of these orders," said one of them, Captain Webb, "is that the allied powers have begun to see the beginning of the end. Millions of dollars have been expended in the United States by Great Britain and France. The imminent forcing of the passage into the Black sea will put an end to this. Russia's immense surplus will be rushed to the western nation via the Mediterranean."

## Protection for Foreigners

**The American Ambassador** Morgenthau is endeavouring to arrange for the definition of a neutral zone at Constantinople for the protection of foreigners and non-combatants in the event that the allied forces reach the Ottoman capital.

Extensive measures already have been taken by the Turkish government for the protection of foreign and native population, it was said. Plans are in operation for a stubborn defense of all the outlying positions along the sea of Marmora and the approaches to Constantinople.

## French Reinforcements Ready.

Instruction of the young men of the military class of 1915, which was begun in 1914, is sufficiently advanced for them to join the active army. M. Millerand, the minister of war, has introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies authorising their call at the discretion of the war minister and empowering the government to call into training the class normally due to join the colours in October, 1916.

## Greek Army Officers Recalled.

All the Greek army officers in Switzerland have been recalled. The opinion is expressed by many here that there is to be a general mobilisation of the Greek army. New Greek Envoy to the Porte. A despatch from Constantinople states the Porte has agreed to the appointment of Doctor Siret as Greek minister to Constantinople in place of M. Pansu, who left Constantinople, owing to the incident which arose over the insult offered the Greek naval attaché by a Turkish police official. Doctor Siret was formerly Greek minister of foreign affairs.



## PUBLIC AUCTION.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.  
AUCTIONER, SHARE &  
GENERAL BROKER

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

**WEDNESDAY,**  
the 19th May, 1915, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.  
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture  
(Mostly made by Powell), comprising—

Chesterfield Box Couch (tin lined) and Easy Chairs, Tapestry Covered Drawing Room Suite, Teak Overmantels, Brass Fenders (nearly new), Teak Tea Tables, Lady's Desk, Tapestry Curtains, Rugs, etc.  
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Catalogues will be issued.  
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GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions from Capt. A. D. S. Powell to sell by Public Auction on

**TUESDAY,**  
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Auctioneer.

## NOTICE.

**GREEN-NISBET TENNIS MATCH POSTPONED.**

The Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club regret, owing to the sudden state of the ground, to be obliged to postpone this match until WEDNESDAY, THE 19th INST., when all tickets issued will be available.

Owing to the great demand for seats two further stands will be erected. Booking at Moutrie's.  
P. M. HODGSON,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1915.

## CONSIGNEES

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS, & MANILA.

S.S. "PERSIA"

The above mentioned vessel having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their bills of lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board Wednesday, May 12th, 1915 at noon will be subject to landing charges and if undelivered Monday, May 17th, 1915 at noon will be subject to both landing and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Saturday, May 15th, 1915, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before May 25th, 1915, otherwise they will not be recognised.  
B. C. MORTON,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1915.

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John Steventon, Iron Bridge Shrops. v. Harold Davies, Oswestry.

6 ROUNDS CONTEST.—Welterweight.  
William Norry, Coalbrookdale, v. S. O. Jones, Oswestry.

6 ROUNDS CONTEST.—Lightweight.  
S. W. Lloyd, Shrops. v. George Plant, Muddley.

6 ROUNDS CONTEST.—Featherweight.  
J. Cotton, Wellington. v. J. Barnett, Wellington.

6 ROUNDS.—Heavyweight.  
E. Jones, Wellington. v. C. Thomas, Wellington.

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HAROLD LATHAM.

## PUBLIC COMPANIES.

## NOTICE.

Mr. R. M. Joseph having resigned his appointment with this Company as from the 23rd February, 1915, we hereby give notice that his Power of Attorney is withdrawn.

DAVID BARROON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1915.

## OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, March 12, 1915

## BUTCHER MEAT.

	Unit	Price
Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa	lb.	19
Prime Cut—	lb.	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	lb.	19
Roast—Shiu	lb.	19
Breast—Ngau Lam	lb.	17
Soup—Tong Yuk	lb.	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	lb.	20
do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	lb.	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	lb.	24
Bullock's Brains—No	per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
do.—corned—Ham Ngau Li	each	60
Head—Ngau Tau	lb.	\$1.00
Heart—Ngau Sam	lb.	14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	lb.	20
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each	11
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	lb.	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	lb.	13
Liver—Ngau Kon	lb.	18
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	lb.	6
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau tau-ku	set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Pei Kwat	lb.	25
Leg—Young Pei	lb.	25
Shoulder—Young Shau	lb.	24
Saddle—	lb.	27
Pigs Chitlings—Chu Chong	lb.	27
Brains—Chu No	per set	24
Feet—Chu Keuk	lb.	13
Ery—Chu Chap	lb.	15
Head—Chu Tau	lb.	16
Heart—Chu Sam	each	11
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	lb.	18
Liver—Chu Kon	lb.	24
Pork Chop—Chu Pei Kwat	lb.	28
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	lb.	28
Leg—Chu Pei	lb.	28
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Young Tau Keuk	set	60
Heart—Young Sam	lb.	12
Kidneys—Young Yiu	lb.	12
Liver—Young Kon	lb.	22
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai	lb.	22
Suet—Shang Ngau Yau	lb.	20
Mutton—Shang Yung Yau	lb.	20
Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk	lb.	19
Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung	lb.	20
Lard—Chu Yau	lb.	20

## POULTRY.

	Unit	Price
Chicken—Kai Tsai	lb.	35
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	lb.	34
Ducks—Ap	lb.	32
Doves—Pan Kan	lb.	32
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
(fresh)—	per doz	36
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb.	42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	lb.	30
Geese—Ngo	lb.	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each	28
Holbow—Hoi How Pak Kap	each	28
Snipe—Sha Tsui	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
Hen—	lb.	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	lb.	75
Quail—Om Chun	lb.	25
Partridges—Che Ku	lb.	65

## FISH.

	Unit	Price
Barbel—Ka Yu	lb.	16
Bream—Pin Yu	lb.	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	lb.	15
Carp—Li Yu	lb.	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	lb.	12
Codfish—Mun Yu	lb.	14
Crabs—Hoi	lb.	26
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	lb.	16
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	lb.	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	lb.	13
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	lb.	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	lb.	13
Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	lb.	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	lb.	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	lb.	33
Garoupa—Shek Pan	lb.	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	lb.	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	lb.	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	lb.	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	lb.	13
Loach—Wu Yu	lb.	26
Lobsters—Lung Ha	lb.	28
Mackerels—Chi Yu	lb.	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	lb.	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	lb.	13
Oysters—Shang Ho	lb.	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	lb.	12
Perch—Tau Lo	lb.	18
Pike—Fa Pau Fong	lb.	10
Plaice—Pan Yu	lb.	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	lb.	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	lb.	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	lb.	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	lb.	10
Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung	lb.	15
Roach—Chun Yu	lb.	12
Salmon—Ma Yau	lb.	30
Shark—Sha Yu	lb.	7
Skate—Po Yu	lb.	8
Shrimps—Ha	lb.	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	lb.	28
Soles—Lat Yu	lb.	28
Tench—Wan Yu	lb.	18
Turbot—Cho How Yu	lb.	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kau Yu	lb.	60

## FRUITS.

	Unit	Price
Almonds—Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Khe	lb.	18
(Chesoo)—Ta Chun Ping Khe	lb.	18

## 肉食

	Unit	Price
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heng Chiu lb.	lb.	3
(brides), Miao—San Heng Chiu	lb.	3
Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lai	lb.	1
Carambola—Yeung To	lb.	1
Coconuts—Ye Tse	each	12
Grapes—Po Tai Tse	lb.	30
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	lb.	10
do.—America—Kam Shan Ling Mung	lb.	8
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
do.—Fresh	lb.	28
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb.	5
do.—Sweet	lb.	8
Pears, (American)—Kun San Shoo Lay	lb.	10
(Canton), Cooke—Sha Li	lb.	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	lb.	10
Plantain—Tai Chiu	lb.	10
Pumpkins—Hung Lai	lb.	10
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each	14
do.—Shanghai—Lo Kwat	lb.	15
Walnuts—Hop To	lb.	15
do.—Green—Sang Hop To	lb.	15
Water Melon—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each	1

## VEGETABLES, &amp;c.

	Unit	Price
Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb.	8
Chenks	lb.	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau	lb.	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hai Pin	lb.	8
Sprouts—Ah Chai	lb.	8
Long—Tau Kok	lb.	10
Beet Root—Hung Chai Tau	each	6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	lb.	8
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuan Kwa	lb.	8
do.—Red—Hung Ke	lb.	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Ka Tsai	lb.	10
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai	lb.	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan	lb.	8
Carrots—Kam Shan	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai	lb.	8
Chillies Dried—Kon Lap Chiu	lb.	25
do.—Red—Hung Fa Chiu	lb.	10
do.—Green—Ching Lap Chiu	lb.	8
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Cha Liu	lb.	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each	12
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	lb.	6
do.—old—Lo Keung	lb.	9
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb.	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each	12
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai	lb.	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	lb.	6
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	lb.	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Ho Ko	lb.	35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	1
Okraes	lb.	1
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau	lb.	8
do.—Green—Shang Chong	lb.	8
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	lb.	7
Paraleys—Kun Tsai	lb.	8
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb.	1
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	lb.	8
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsai	lb.	8
Japan—Yui Pun Shu Tsai	lb.	8
American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	lb.	8
Peas, (Canton)—Tao-chow Shu Tsai	lb.	8
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	lb.	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	lb.	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	lb.	1
Sage—Tse So	lb.	1
Shallots—Kon Chong Tau	lb.	8
Spinach—Yin Tsai	lb.	5
Tomatoes—Fan Ka	lb.	6
Taro—Wu Tau	lb.	6
Turnips, Fanti, (Long)—Lo Pak	lb.	4
do.—English—Yeung Lo Pak	lb.	4
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	lb.	4
(American)—Kam-san Chit Kwa	lb.	12
Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsai	lb.	6
Lily root—Lin Ngau	lb.	6
Yams—Ta Shu	lb.	6
do.—English—Yeung Kan Chai	lb.	6

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices—

	Price
1. Flour—	
(a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	\$4.50
per lb.	10
(b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	4.00
per lb.	08
(c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.	3.50
per lb.	0
2. Tinned Milk—	
(a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	35
(b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	25
(c) Sterilized Milk, per tin (18 oz.)	25
(d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin	35
(e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin	33
(f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin	20
3. Sugar—	
Cane, (in 5 lb. tins), per tin	1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.	14
Granulated, per lb.	14
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.	18
No. 2	12
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	
4. Frozen Meat—	



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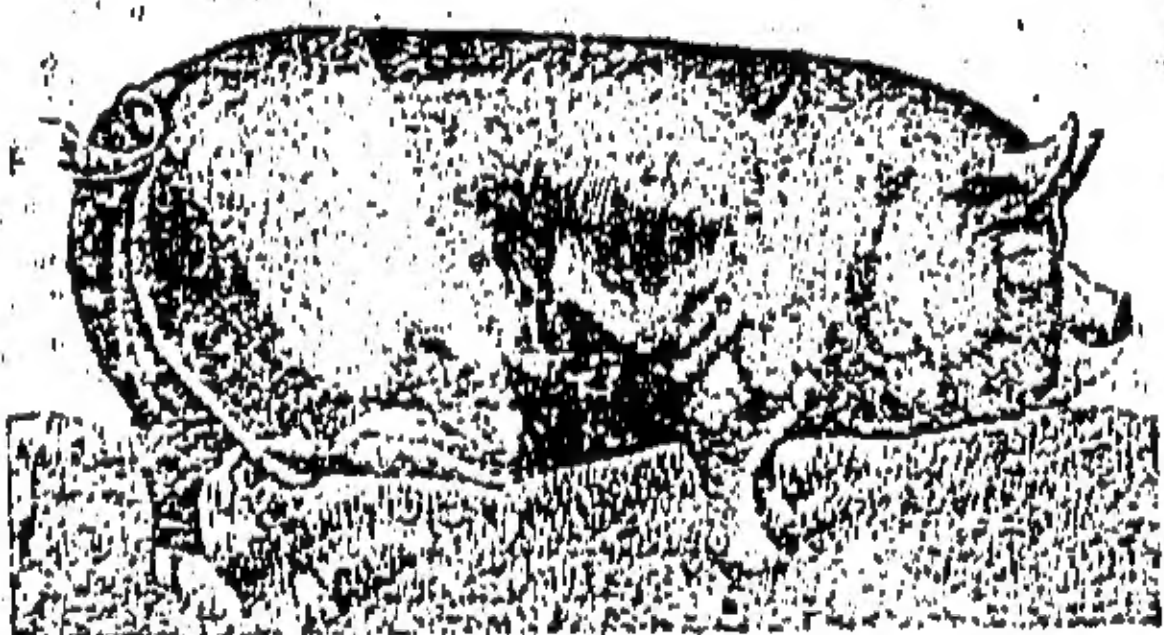
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## SHARE REPORT.

## COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS SA.—SALES B.—BUYERS N.—NOMINAL

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914. Highest	1914. Lowest	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
<b>Banks.</b>									
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$787 1/2	120,000	\$125	all	855	July	700	Oct.	\$2.31 & 5/- bonus at ex 1/9/14 equal to \$27.27 for 1/2 year ending 31/12/14
<b>Marine Insurances.</b>									
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. div.	358 b. x	10,000	\$250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914. Interim of 12 p.c. for 1914
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	170 b.	10,000	\$15	25	145	May	133	Jan.	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$55 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$855 a.	12,400	\$250	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct.	Final of \$15 mak \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$225 b.	12,000	\$100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan.	
<b>Fire Insurances.</b>									
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$130 b.	20,000	\$100	20	160	July	140	Oct.	\$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$385 b.	8,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	\$27 for 1913
<b>Shipping.</b>									
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$4.90 b.	30,000	\$25	all	10	Jan.	5 1/2	Dec.	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$45 sa. b.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	\$3 for year ending 30.6.14
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$23 b.	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec.	Final of 3% m'king 6% on preferred shares & 5% on deferred shares for year 1913
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$98 1/2 b.	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	Interim of 1/2 a/c 1914 C. No. 23
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$93/- b.	3,797,610	\$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70/-	Sept.	\$1.70 per share and bonus of 30 cents per share for year ending 30/4/14
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$36 b.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	
<b>Refineries.</b>									
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$117 sa.	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	\$3 for 1912
Luen Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$29 b.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	\$3 for 1897
<b>Mining.</b>									
Kailan Mining Adm'n'tion.	33/6 a.	1,000,000	\$1	all	41/-	Feb.	33/6	Dec.	Final of 5% Coupon No. 4. making 10% for year ending 30/6/14
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$3.60 a.	200,000	\$1	all	310	Jan.	1.90	Nov.	1/2 for 1909
Trenoh Mines Ltd.	32/6 a.	160,000	\$1	all	39/-	Feb.	19/6	Nov.	1/- mak 7/6 a/c. 1913
<b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns &amp;c.</b>									
H'kong & R.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$69 b.	60,000	\$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	\$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W'pca D. Co., Ltd.	\$57 b.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	\$3 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	\$51 b.	55,700	t. 100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	Tls. 5 for 1913
Shai & H'kw W. Co., Ltd.	\$83 b.	36,000	t. 100	all	169	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	Tls. 5 for 1914
<b>Lands, Hotels and Buildings.</b>									
Anglo French Land Co., Ltd.	\$94 b.	13,000	t. 100	t. 100	128	July	120	Dec.	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$112 b.	20,000	\$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	\$2.50 for half year ending 31/12/14
H'kong Land Investment Co.	\$108 a.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	\$34 for year ending 31/12/14
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$7 a.	150,000	\$10	all	9 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov.	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$40 b.	6,000	\$50	20	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	\$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands.	t. 101	78,000	t. 50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	Final of 5 p.c. making 12 p.c. for 1914
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$70 b.	12,500	\$10	all	73	June	66	Feb.	\$2.75 for half year ending 31.12.14
H'kong Central Estates	\$100 a.	10,000	\$100	all	100		100		\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>									
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	t. 152 1/2 b.	20,000	t. 50	all	138	July	135	May	Tls. 12 for year ending 31/10/14
Hongkong Cotton Co.	\$7 b.	125,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	Mar.	7	June	50 cents 31/7/08
Kung Yik.	13 1/2 b.	75,000	t. 10	all	14 1/2	Jan.	11	Mar.	Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30/11/14
Laou Kung Mow	\$7 b.	8,000	t. 100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	t. 98 b.	40,000	t. 50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	Div. Tls. 6. Bonus Tls. 4. Extra Bonus Tls. 1. year end 30/6/14
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>									
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$10 a.	60,000	\$12	all	12	May	10	Dec.	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$4 1/4 a.	50,000	\$5	all	4.80	July	4	April	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$4 1/4 a.	50,000	\$1	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$8 b.	125,000	\$10	all	39	June	35	Aug.	\$1.50 for year ending 31.7.14
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$34 b.	40,000	\$7	6	600	Jan.	5	Dec.	50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$63 a.	400,000	\$10	all	600	Jan.	5	Dec.	\$1.80 per share for 1913
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$41 1/2 a.	60,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	Final of \$5 mak'ng \$8 1/2 for 1914
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$124 a.	6,500	\$25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	Final of \$1 making \$2 for 1914
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$26 1/2 b.	60,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	Final div. of 6d. making 7d per share for 1913
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	5.15 b.	325,000	5/-	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	Interim of T. 1 making T. 2 a/c 1913
Langkate	t. 40 b.	250,000	g. 10	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec.	80 cts. on fully paid shares and 8 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.14
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10 a.	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June	None
Do (New)	\$1 a.	50,000	\$10	all	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1910.
Philippines Ltd.	\$4 b.	75,000	\$10	all	—	—	—	—	None
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$5 b.	12,000	\$10	all	—	—	—	—	None
Societe des Pulpes et Papierieries du Tonkin	\$20 a.	13,200	\$50	all	—	—	—	—	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$3 1/2 a.	20,000	\$5	all	500	June	4	Nov.	35 cts. for year ending 31/5/14
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$16 1/2 b.	27,723	\$10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	\$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$7.10 b.	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec.	70 cts. for 1913
William Powell, Limited.	\$6 1/2 a.	21,000	\$7	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	\$29 b.	6,000	\$25	all	30	June	92	Dec.	\$1. Interim a/c year 31.8.14

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THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby, in the weekly share report state:—  
 Although our market for local shares has not been very active during the week under review, values have in most instances been well maintained. There has been a considerable amount of business transacted in Shanghai Cotton Shares at advancing rates and the market closes firm with strong upward tendency.  
 Bar Silver is quoted at 23 1/2 per oz. for ready.  
 Exchange on London opened to-day at 1/9 1/2 T.T.  
 Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks declined from \$800 to \$785 sales and close with buyers offering \$787 1/2.  
 Marine Insurances.—Cantons are wanted at \$358 div., North China at Tls. 170 and Yangtze at \$225 ex. 73. Unions have sellers at \$855 buyers offering \$850.  
 Fire Insurances.—There are buyers of China Fires at \$130, and Hongkong Fires at \$385.  
 Shipping.—Douglas have changed hands during the week at \$44, \$44 1/2 and \$45 closing with buyers at the latter figure.  
 Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are wanted at \$23 after sales. Indo-China have buyers at \$98 1/2, and Shell Transport at \$93.  
 China and Manila are in demand at \$4.90 sellers asking \$5.15, and Star Ferries at \$80.  
 Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Sales of Kowloon Wharves have taken place at \$68 1/2 and \$69 closing with buyers at the former figure.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are firm with buyers offering \$57, Shanghai Docks are quoted from the North at Tls. 61 and Hongkew Wharves at Tls. 82.

## EXCHANGE.

<b>Selling.</b>		<b>T/T Marks.....Nom.</b>
Demand.....1/9 1/2		Demand-Germany.....2.30
30 d/s.....1/9 1/2		T/T France.....2.30
60 d/s.....1/9 1/2		Demand Paris.....2.30
4 m/s.....1/10		On Haiphong.....7 1/2 prem
T/T Shanghai.....78		On Saigon.....7
Private 30 d/s sight		On Bangkok.....85
T/T Singapore.....77 7/8		
T/T Japan.....89 1/4		<b>Buying.</b>
T/T India.....136 1/2		4 m/s L/C.....1/10 1/2
Demand India.....136 1/2		4 m/s D.P.....1/10 1/2
T/T Bombay.....136 1/2		6 m/s L/C.....1/10 1/2
Demand Bombay.....136 1/2		30 d/s Sney & M. 1/10 1/2
T/T Calcutta.....136 1/2		30 d/s San F'co & N.Y. 45 1/8
Demand Calcutta.....136 1/2		4 m/s Marks.....Nom.
T/T San F'co & N.Y. 43 1/2		4 m/s France.....2.41
Demand, New York 43 1/2		6 m/s France.....2.46
T/T Java.....110 1/2		Gold Leaf per tael \$57.10
		Sovereign.....\$10.80 nom.
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## MAILS DUE.

Europe, Yinchow, 14th inst.  
Europe, Kulsang, 17th inst.  
Manila, Korea, 17th inst.  
America, Siberia, 24th inst.

## MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 15th May, 3 p.m.  
Siberian Mail, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per KANGHONG, 15th inst., 4 p.m.  
(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Wednesday, 19th May)  
Hohow and Haiphong—Per TAKSANG, 15th inst., 4 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui—Per DALIN M., 16th inst., 9 a.m.  
Swatow—Per KEIJOM, 16th inst., 9 a.m.  
Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya, Macassar, & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TILWONG, 16th inst., 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, 17th May.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per SANGOLA, 17th inst., 2 p.m.  
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, Macassar, & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per BORNBO M., 17th May, 3 p.m.  
Siberian Mail, and North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per CORDILLERE, 17th inst., 4 p.m.  
(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Saturday, 22nd inst.)

## TUESDAY, 18th May.

Shanghai, N. China, & Japan via Kobe—Per KATORI MARU, 18th inst., 9 a.m.  
Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per HITACHI MARU, 18th May, 10 a.m.  
Philippine Islands, Japan, via Nagasaki, Honolulu, U. States, South America, and Canada, via San Francisco—Per FERRIS, 18th inst., 11 a.m.  
Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 18th inst., 10 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 18th May, noon.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 18th inst., 3 p.m.  
Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.O. & Seattle Wash & United Kingdom via Canada—Per AIDA M., 18th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per LUCHOW, 18th inst., 3 p.m.  
(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Saturday 22nd inst.)

## THURSDAY, 20th May.

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles, & U. Kingdom—Per KITANO MARU, 20th inst., 10 a.m.  
Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, India, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. The parcel mail will be closed on Wednesday, 19th May, at 5 p.m.—Per NUBIA, 20th May, Printed Matter and Sample, 10 a.m. Registration 10.15 a.m. Registration Kowloon B.O. 9.30 a.m. Letters 11.00.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per YINGHONG, 20th inst., 3 p.m.  
(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Tuesday, 25th May)

## SUNDAY, 21st May.

Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 21st inst., noon.

## TUESDAY, 23rd May.

Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 23rd inst., noon.  
Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 23rd inst., 3 p.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Daljin Maru, Jap. s.s. 899, Minakami, 15th inst.—Swatow, 14th inst. Gen.—O.S.E.  
Taigtau Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,995, Yamata, 14th inst.—Chingwantao, 6th inst. Gen.—M.B.K.  
Luchow, Br. s.s. 1,297, D. R. Davies, 14th inst.—Shanghai, Gen.—B. & S.  
Kueichow, Br. s.s. 1,220, E. Forry, 14th inst.—Tientsin, 7th inst. General—B. & S.  
St. Albans, Br. s.s. 2,538, E. B. S. Baile, 14th inst.—Melbourne, General—Order.  
Tambow, Rus. s.s. 2,517, L. Alefcoff, 14th inst.—Singapore, 5th inst. Gen.—Order.  
Kwangle, Chinese s.s. 1,468, J. McArthur, 14th inst.—Shanghai, 11th inst. Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.  
Nora, Fr. s.s. Gary, 15th inst.—Shanghai, Gen.—M. M.

## DEPARTED.

May 14.

Kiejan Maru for Moji & Yokohama  
Utsun for San Francisco via Shanghai  
Shibei Maru for Wakamatsu  
Kansu for Dulay  
Cheongshing for Tientsin via W. H. Wai  
Colombo Maru for Calcutta via Singapore  
Kwella for Newchwang  
Haimun for Foochow via Swatow  
Tango Maru for Yokohama via Yachi  
Hutchow for Tientsin via W. H. Wai  
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Sungliang for Haiphong

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Kungping for Canton  
Sigan for Hoilow  
Boyarin for Vladivostok via Karatsu  
Hongwan for Penang via Amoy  
Sengambia for London via Singapore

May 15.

Eastern for Melbourne via Timor  
Rangoon Maru for Kubevia Shanghai  
Luchow for Canton  
Yikemang for Batavia  
Yuenang for Manila  
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